

**A CHARACTERIZATION OF  
WEIGHTED BERGMAN-PRIVALOV  
SPACES ON THE UNIT BALL OF  $\mathbb{C}^n$**

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ABSTRACT. Let  $B$  denote the unit ball in  $\mathbb{C}^n$ , and  $\nu$  the normalized Lebesgue measure on  $B$ . For  $\alpha > -1$ , define  $d\nu_\alpha(z) = c_\alpha(1 - |z|^2)^\alpha d\nu(z)$ ,  $z \in B$ . Here  $c_\alpha$  is a positive constant such that  $\nu_\alpha(B) = 1$ . Let  $H(B)$  denote the space of all holomorphic functions in  $B$ . For  $p \geq 1$ , define the Bergman-Privalov space  $(AN)^p(\nu_\alpha)$  by

$$(AN)^p(\nu_\alpha) = \left\{ f \in H(B) : \int_B \{\log(1 + |f|)\}^p d\nu_\alpha < \infty \right\}.$$

In this paper we prove that a function  $f \in H(B)$  is in  $(AN)^p(\nu_\alpha)$  if and only if  $(1 + |f|)^{-2} \{\log(1 + |f|)\}^{p-2} |\tilde{\nabla} f|^2 \in L^1(\nu_\alpha)$  in the case  $1 < p < \infty$ , or  $(1 + |f|)^{-2} |f|^{-1} |\tilde{\nabla} f|^2 \in L^1(\nu_\alpha)$  in the case  $p = 1$ , where  $\tilde{\nabla} f$  is the gradient of  $f$  with respect to the Bergman metric on  $B$ . This is an analogous result to the characterization of the Hardy spaces by M. Stoll [18] and that of the Bergman spaces by C. Ouyang-W. Yang-R. Zhao [13].

## 1. Introduction

Let  $n \geq 1$  be a fixed integer. Let  $H(B)$  denote the space of all holomorphic functions in the unit ball  $B \equiv B_n$  of the complex  $n$ -dimensional Euclidean space  $\mathbb{C}^n$ . Let  $\nu$  denote the normalized Lebesgue measure on  $B$ . For each  $\alpha \in (-1, \infty)$ , we set  $c_\alpha = \Gamma(n + \alpha + 1)/\Gamma(n + 1)\Gamma(\alpha + 1)$  and  $d\nu_\alpha(z) = c_\alpha(1 - |z|^2)^\alpha d\nu(z)$ ,  $z \in B$ . Note that  $\nu_\alpha(B) = 1$ . For each  $\alpha \in (-1, \infty)$  and  $p \in [1, \infty)$ , we define the *weighted Bergman-Privalov space*  $(AN)^p(\nu_\alpha)$  by

$$(AN)^p(\nu_\alpha) = \left\{ f \in H(B) : \|f\|_{(AN)^p(\nu_\alpha)} \equiv \left[ \int_B \{\log(1 + |f|)\}^p d\nu_\alpha \right]^{\frac{1}{p}} < \infty \right\}.$$

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In [20], the *Privalov space*  $N^p(B)$  ( $1 < p < \infty$ ) is defined by

$$N^p(B) = \left\{ f \in H(B) : \|f\|_{N^p(B)} \equiv \sup_{0 \leq r < 1} \left[ \int_S \{\log(1 + |f_r|)\}^p d\sigma \right]^{\frac{1}{p}} < \infty \right\},$$

where  $\sigma$  is the normalized Lebesgue measure on the unit sphere  $S \equiv \partial B$  and  $f_r(z) = f(rz)$  for  $0 \leq r < 1$ ,  $z \in \mathbb{C}^n$  with  $rz \in B$ . In the case  $n = 1$ , the space  $N^p(B_1)$  were firstly considered by I. I. Privalov in [14]. The properties of the spaces  $N^p(B_n)$  ( $n \geq 1$ ) were studied in [3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 11, 17, 20, 21]. As regards the Bergman-Privalov spaces  $(AN)^p(\nu)$ , M. Stoll [17, p.157] gave the definition of them in the case  $n = 1$ . The studies on the spaces  $(AN)^p(\nu)$  ( $n \geq 1$ ) were in [9, 10, 16, 17].

In 1995, C. Ouyang, W. Yang and R. Zhao [13] gave the following characterization of the Bergman spaces  $A^p(B) \equiv H(B) \cap L^p(\nu)$ ,  $0 < p < \infty$ :

**THEOREM ([13]).** *Let  $f \in H(B)$  and  $0 < p < \infty$ . Then  $f \in A^p(B)$  if and only if  $|f|^{p-2} |\tilde{\nabla} f|^2 \in L^1(\nu)$ . Here  $\tilde{\nabla} f$  is the gradient of  $f$  with respect to the Bergman metric on  $B$ . Moreover, if  $f \in A^p(B)$ , then*

$$\lim_{r \uparrow 1} (1 - r^2)^{n+1} \int_{rB} |f(z)|^{p-2} |\tilde{\nabla} f(z)|^2 (1 - |z|^2)^{-n-1} d\nu(z) = 0,$$

where  $rB = \{z \in B : |z| < r\}$ ,  $0 < r < 1$ .

This characterization of the Bergman spaces is the same type as that of the Hardy spaces by M. Stoll [18]. The purpose of the present paper is to give a characterization of the Bergman-Privalov spaces  $(AN)^p(\nu_\alpha)$ ,  $1 \leq p < \infty$ , which is of the M. Stoll-C. Ouyang-W. Yang-R. Zhao's type. By taking the limit as  $\alpha \downarrow -1$ , we also have a characterization of the Privalov spaces  $N^p(B)$ ,  $1 < p < \infty$ .

## 2. Notations

Let  $\mathcal{M}$  denote the group of biholomorphic maps of  $B$  onto itself. For each  $a \in B$ , let  $\varphi_a \in \mathcal{M}$  be the involution described in [15, p.25]. Let  $\lambda$  be the measure on  $B$  defined by

$$d\lambda(z) = \frac{1}{(1 - |z|^2)^{n+1}} d\nu(z), \quad z \in B.$$

Then  $\lambda$  is the invariant volume measure induced by the Bergman metric on  $B$ . Thus

$$\int_B f d\lambda = \int_B (f \circ \psi) d\lambda$$

for each  $f \in L^1(\lambda)$  and all  $\psi \in \mathcal{M}$  ([15, Theorem 2.2.6]). For  $f \in C^2(B)$  and  $a \in B$ , define

$$\tilde{\Delta}f(a) = \frac{1}{n+1} \Delta(f \circ \varphi_a)(0).$$

Then as in [15, Theorem 4.1.3],

$$\tilde{\Delta}f(a) = \frac{4}{n+1} (1 - |a|^2) \sum_{i,j=1}^n (\delta_{ij} - a_i \bar{a}_j) \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial z_i \partial \bar{z}_j}(a).$$

The operator  $\tilde{\Delta}$  is invariant under  $\mathcal{M}$ , that is,  $\tilde{\Delta}(f \circ \psi) = (\tilde{\Delta}f) \circ \psi$  for all  $\psi \in \mathcal{M}$  ([15, Theorem 4.1.2]). Let  $\tilde{\nabla}$  denote the gradient with respect to the Bergman metric on  $B$  ([19, p.27]). Then as in [19, p.30],

$$|\tilde{\nabla}f(a)|^2 = \frac{2}{n+1} (1 - |a|^2) \left[ \sum_{j=1}^n \left| \frac{\partial f}{\partial z_j}(a) \right|^2 - \left| \sum_{j=1}^n a_j \frac{\partial f}{\partial z_j}(a) \right|^2 \right], a \in B.$$

An upper semicontinuous function  $u : B \rightarrow [-\infty, \infty)$ ,  $u \not\equiv -\infty$ , is said to be  $\mathcal{M}$ -subharmonic if for each  $a \in B$

$$u(a) \leq \int_B u(\varphi_a(r\zeta)) d\sigma(\zeta), 0 < r < 1.$$

A continuous function  $u$  defined in  $B$  is said to be  $\mathcal{M}$ -harmonic if equality holds in the above inequality. A function  $u$  in  $B$  is said to be  $\mathcal{M}$ -superharmonic if  $-u$  is  $\mathcal{M}$ -subharmonic.

By [19, §6.2], the invariant Green's function on  $B$  is given by  $G(z, a) = g(\varphi_a(z))$  for  $(z, a) \in B \times B$ , where

$$g(z) = \frac{n+1}{2n} \int_{|z|}^1 (1 - t^2)^{n-1} t^{-2n+1} dt.$$

Note that  $g$  is  $\mathcal{M}$ -harmonic in  $B \setminus \{0\}$ , and  $\mathcal{M}$ -superharmonic in  $B$ . Let  $f$  be an  $\mathcal{M}$ -subharmonic function in  $B$ . The Riesz measure of  $f$  is the non-negative regular Borel measure  $\mu_f$  in  $B$  which satisfies

$$\int_B \psi d\mu_f = \int_B f \tilde{\Delta}\psi d\lambda$$

for all  $\psi \in C_c^2(B)$ . Here  $C_c^2(B)$  is the class of twice continuously differentiable functions in  $B$  with compact support. If  $f$  is in  $C^2(B)$ , then by Green's identity [19, Proposition 3.1]  $d\mu_f = \tilde{\Delta}f d\lambda$ .

### 3. Preliminaries

LEMMA 1. Suppose  $\alpha \in (-1, \infty)$ ,  $p \in [1, \infty)$  and  $f \in (AN)^p(\nu_\alpha)$ . Then

$$\lim_{r \uparrow 1} \|f_r - f\|_{(AN)^p(\nu_\alpha)} = 0.$$

*Proof.* (cf. [6, Lemma 1.1]) Pick  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Then there exists an  $r_0 \in (0, 1)$  such that

$$\int_{B \setminus r_0 B} \{\log(1 + |f|)\}^p d\nu_\alpha < \varepsilon.$$

Since  $\{\log(1 + |f|)\}^p$  is subharmonic in  $B$ , for any  $r \in (0, 1)$

$$(1) \quad \int_{B \setminus r_0 B} \{\log(1 + |f_r|)\}^p d\nu_\alpha \leq \int_{B \setminus r_0 B} \{\log(1 + |f|)\}^p d\nu_\alpha < \varepsilon.$$

The uniform continuity of  $\{\log(1 + |f|)\}^p$  on the compact set  $r_0 \bar{B}$  implies that

$$(2) \quad \lim_{r \uparrow 1} \int_{r_0 B} \{\log(1 + |f_r - f|)\}^p d\nu_\alpha = 0.$$

(1) and (2) prove the lemma. □

LEMMA 2. Suppose  $f \in H(B)$  and  $p \in (1, \infty)$ . then

$$\lim_{\alpha \downarrow -1} \|f\|_{(AN)^p(\nu_\alpha)} = \|f\|_{N^p(B)}.$$

*Proof.* (cf. [1, p.25]) First we consider the case  $\|f\|_{N^p(B)} < \infty$ . It follows from the subharmonicity of  $\{\log(1 + |f|)\}^p$  that  $\|f\|_{(AN)^p(\nu_\alpha)} \leq \|f\|_{N^p(B)} < \infty$  for any  $\alpha \in (-1, \infty)$ . Pick  $\varepsilon > 0$ . By [20, Theorem 4], it holds that

$$(3) \quad \lim_{r \uparrow 1} \|f_r - f\|_{N^p(B)} = 0.$$

By (3), there exists an  $r_0 \in (0, 1)$  such that for  $r \in [r_0, 1)$

$$(4) \quad \|f_r - f\|_{N^p(B)} < \varepsilon.$$

Fix  $r_1 \in (r_0, 1)$ . Since  $\{\log(1 + |f_{r_1}|)\}^p \in C(\bar{B})$ , it holds that

$$(5) \quad \lim_{\alpha \downarrow -1} \|f_{r_1}\|_{(AN)^p(\nu_\alpha)} = \|f_{r_1}\|_{N^p(B)}.$$

(See [1, §0.3].) Using (4), we have for  $\alpha \in (-1, \infty)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \|f_{r_1} - f\|_{(AN)^p(\nu_\alpha)}^p &= \int_B \{\log(1 + |f_{r_1} - f|)\}^p d\nu_\alpha \\ &= c_\alpha 2n \left( \int_0^{\frac{r_0}{r_1}} + \int_{\frac{r_0}{r_1}}^1 \right) t^{2n-1} (1 - t^2)^\alpha dt \int_S \{\log(1 + |f_{r_1 t} - f_t|)\}^p d\sigma \\ &\leq c_\alpha 2n \int_0^{\frac{r_0}{r_1}} t^{2n-1} (1 - t^2)^\alpha dt \cdot (2\|f\|_{N^p(B)})^p \\ &\quad + c_\alpha 2n \int_{\frac{r_0}{r_1}}^1 t^{2n-1} (1 - t^2)^\alpha (\|f_{r_1 t} - f\|_{N^p(B)} + \|f - f_t\|_{N^p(B)})^p dt \\ &\leq (2\|f\|_{N^p(B)})^p c_\alpha 2n \int_0^{\frac{r_0}{r_1}} (1 - t^2)^\alpha dt + (2\varepsilon)^p c_\alpha 2n \int_{\frac{r_0}{r_1}}^1 t^{2n-1} (1 - t^2)^\alpha dt \\ &< (2\|f\|_{N^p(B)})^p \frac{2n\Gamma(n + \alpha + 1)}{\Gamma(n + 1)\Gamma(\alpha + 2)} \left\{ 1 - \left(1 - \frac{r_0}{r_1}\right)^{\alpha+1} \right\} + (2\varepsilon)^p. \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$(6) \quad \limsup_{\alpha \downarrow -1} \|f_{r_1} - f\|_{(AN)^p(\nu_\alpha)} \leq 2\varepsilon.$$

(4), (5) and (6) prove the lemma in the case  $\|f\|_{N^p(B)} < \infty$ .

Suppose now that  $\|f\|_{N^p(B)} = \infty$ . Pick an arbitrary number  $M \in (0, \infty)$ . Then there exists an  $\rho_0 \in (0, 1)$  such that for  $r \in [\rho_0, 1)$

$$\int_S \{\log(1 + |f_r|)\}^p d\sigma > 2M.$$

Using this, we have for  $\alpha \in (-1, \infty)$

$$\begin{aligned} \|f\|_{(AN)^p(\nu_\alpha)}^p &\geq c_\alpha 2n \int_{\rho_0}^1 r^{2n-1} (1-r^2)^\alpha dr \int_S \{\log(1+|f_r|)\}^p d\sigma \\ &\geq c_\alpha 2n \int_{\rho_0}^1 r^{2n-1} (1-r^2)^\alpha dr \cdot 2M \\ &= 2M \left\{ 1 - c_\alpha 2n \int_0^{\rho_0} r^{2n-1} (1-r^2)^\alpha dr \right\} \\ &\geq 2M \left\{ 1 - \frac{2n\Gamma(n+\alpha+1)}{\Gamma(n+1)\Gamma(\alpha+1)} \int_0^{\rho_0} (1-r)^\alpha dr \right\} \\ &\geq 2M \left( 1 - \frac{2n\Gamma(n+\alpha+1)}{\Gamma(n+1)\Gamma(\alpha+2)} \{1 - (1-\rho_0)^{\alpha+1}\} \right). \end{aligned}$$

This implies that  $\lim_{\alpha \downarrow -1} \|f\|_{(AN)^p(\nu_\alpha)} = +\infty = \|f\|_{N^p(B)}$ . □

By a simple computation we can prove the following lemma and its corollary.

LEMMA 3. *Suppose  $f \in H(B)$ ,  $1 \leq p < \infty$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Then*

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\Delta}(\{\log(1+|f|)\}^p) &= \frac{p}{2} \frac{1}{(1+|f|)^2} \left[ (p-1) + \frac{\log(1+|f|)}{|f|} \right] \\ &\quad \times \{\log(1+|f|)\}^{p-2} |\tilde{\nabla} f|^2 \end{aligned}$$

in  $B \setminus Z(f)$ , where  $Z(f) = \{z \in B : f(z) = 0\}$ , and

$$\begin{aligned} &\tilde{\Delta} \left( \left[ \log(1 + (|f|^2 + \varepsilon)^{1/2}) \right]^p \right) \\ &= \frac{p}{2} (|f|^2 + \varepsilon)^{-3/2} \{1 + (|f|^2 + \varepsilon)^{1/2}\}^{-2} \left[ \log(1 + (|f|^2 + \varepsilon)^{1/2}) \right]^{p-2} \\ &\quad \times \left[ (p-1)|f|^2(|f|^2 + \varepsilon)^{1/2} + \{|f|^2 + 2\varepsilon(1 + (|f|^2 + \varepsilon)^{1/2})\} \right. \\ &\quad \left. \times \{\log(1 + (|f|^2 + \varepsilon)^{1/2})\} \right] |\tilde{\nabla} f|^2 \end{aligned}$$

in  $B$ .

COROLLARY 1. *Suppose  $f \in H(B)$  and  $1 \leq p < \infty$ . Then*

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \downarrow 0} \tilde{\Delta} \left( \left[ \log(1 + (|f|^2 + \varepsilon)^{1/2}) \right]^p \right) = \tilde{\Delta}(\{\log(1+|f|)\}^p)$$

in  $B \setminus Z(f)$ .

LEMMA 4. Let  $f \in H(B) \setminus \{0\}$  and  $1 \leq p < \infty$ . Then

- (a)  $\tilde{\Delta}(\{\log(1 + |f|)\}^p) \in L^1_{loc}(\lambda)$ .
- (b)  $d\mu_{\{\log(1+|f|)\}^p} = \tilde{\Delta}(\{\log(1 + |f|)\}^p)d\lambda$ .

*Proof.* Put  $v = \{\log(1 + |f|)\}^p$  in  $B$ . For  $\varepsilon \in (0, 1)$ , let  $v_\varepsilon$  be defined by  $v_\varepsilon = [(\log(1 + (|f|^2 + \varepsilon)^{1/2}))]^p$  in  $B$ . And define

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_\varepsilon(t) = & (t + \varepsilon)^{-3/2} \{1 + (t + \varepsilon)^{1/2}\}^{-2} \left[ (p - 1)t(t + \varepsilon)^{1/2} \right. \\ & \left. + \{t + 2\varepsilon(1 + (t + \varepsilon)^{1/2})\} \{\log(1 + (t + \varepsilon)^{1/2})\} \right] \end{aligned}$$

for  $t > -\varepsilon$ . Then  $v_\varepsilon \in C^\infty(B)$  and

$$(7) \quad v_\varepsilon \rightarrow v \text{ uniformly on compact subsets of } B \text{ as } \varepsilon \downarrow 0.$$

We can also easily see that

$$(8) \quad 0 < \varphi_\varepsilon(t) < p + 2 \text{ if } t \geq 0.$$

By Lemma 3, (8) and Corollary 1, it holds that for  $\varepsilon \in (0, 1)$ , in  $B$

$$\begin{aligned} (9) \quad 0 \leq \tilde{\Delta}v_\varepsilon &= \frac{p}{2} \varphi_\varepsilon(|f|^2) \left[ \log(1 + (|f|^2 + \varepsilon)^{1/2}) \right]^{p-2} |\tilde{\nabla}f|^2 \\ &\leq \frac{p}{2} (p + 2) \left[ \log(1 + (|f|^2 + \varepsilon)^{1/2}) \right]^{p-2} |\tilde{\nabla}f|^2 \end{aligned}$$

and, in  $B \setminus Z(f)$

$$(10) \quad \lim_{\varepsilon \downarrow 0} \tilde{\Delta}v_\varepsilon = \tilde{\Delta}v.$$

Since  $f$  is holomorphic and  $f \neq 0$  in  $B$ ,

$$(11) \quad \lambda(Z(f)) = 0.$$

By Lemma 3, in  $B \setminus Z(f)$

$$(12) \quad \{\log(1 + |f|)\}^{p-2} |\tilde{\nabla}f|^2 = \frac{2}{p(p-1) + \frac{\log(1+|f|)}{|f|}} \tilde{\Delta}v.$$

When  $1 \leq p \leq 2$ , it follows from (12) that in  $B \setminus Z(f)$

$$(13) \quad \{\log(1 + |f|)\}^{p-2} |\tilde{\nabla}f|^2 \leq (\log 2)^{p-2} |\tilde{\nabla}f|^2 + \frac{2}{p(p-1) + \log 2} \tilde{\Delta}v.$$

By (9) and (13), for  $\varepsilon \in (0, 1)$ , in  $B$

$$(14) \quad 0 \leq \tilde{\Delta}v_\varepsilon \leq \frac{p}{2} (p + 2) \left[ (\log 2)^{p-2} |\tilde{\nabla}f|^2 + \frac{2}{p(p-1) + \log 2} \tilde{\Delta}v \right]$$

if  $1 \leq p \leq 2$ . In the case  $2 < p < \infty$ , by (9), for  $\varepsilon \in (0, 1)$ , in  $B$

$$(15) \quad 0 \leq \tilde{\Delta}v_\varepsilon \leq \frac{p}{2}(p+2) \left[ \log(1 + (|f|^2 + 1)^{1/2}) \right]^{p-2} |\tilde{\nabla}f|^2.$$

Let  $K$  be any compact subset of  $B$ , and let  $\psi \in C_c^2(B)$  with  $\psi \geq 0$  in  $B$  such that  $\psi \equiv 1$  on  $K$ . Using (10), (11), Fatou's lemma and Green's identity, we have

$$(16) \quad \begin{aligned} 0 \leq \int_K \tilde{\Delta}v \, d\lambda &\leq \liminf_{\varepsilon \downarrow 0} \int_K \tilde{\Delta}v_\varepsilon \, d\lambda = \liminf_{\varepsilon \downarrow 0} \int_K \psi \tilde{\Delta}v_\varepsilon \, d\lambda \\ &\leq \liminf_{\varepsilon \downarrow 0} \int_B \psi \tilde{\Delta}v_\varepsilon \, d\lambda = \liminf_{\varepsilon \downarrow 0} \int_B v_\varepsilon \tilde{\Delta}\psi \, d\lambda. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\tilde{\Delta}\psi$  is a continuous function with compact support in  $B$ , by (7)

$$(17) \quad \liminf_{\varepsilon \downarrow 0} \int_B v_\varepsilon \tilde{\Delta}\psi \, d\lambda = \int_B v \tilde{\Delta}\psi \, d\lambda < \infty.$$

(16) and (17) show the assertion (a), that is,

$$(18) \quad \tilde{\Delta}v \in L^1_{loc}(\lambda).$$

In order to prove (b), pick  $\phi \in C_c^2(B)$ . By (14), (15) and (18), the functions  $\{\tilde{\Delta}v_\varepsilon : 0 < \varepsilon < 1\}$  are dominated by a function in  $L^1_{loc}(\lambda)$ . By Lebesgue's dominated convergence theorem, Green's identity and (7), we have

$$\int_B \phi \tilde{\Delta}v \, d\lambda = \lim_{\varepsilon \downarrow 0} \int_B \phi \tilde{\Delta}v_\varepsilon \, d\lambda = \lim_{\varepsilon \downarrow 0} \int_B v_\varepsilon \tilde{\Delta}\phi \, d\lambda = \int_B v \tilde{\Delta}\phi \, d\lambda.$$

This proves (b). □

LEMMA 5. *Let  $f$  be a non-negative measurable function in  $B$ . Then the following inequalities hold:*

$$(19) \quad \begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2} \int_B f(z)(1 - |z|^2)^{\beta+1} \, d\lambda(z) &\leq \int_0^1 dt \int_{tB} f(z)(1 - |z|^2)^\beta \, d\lambda(z) \\ &\leq \int_B f(z)(1 - |z|^2)^{\beta+1} \, d\lambda(z) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $\beta \in \mathbb{R}$ . And

$$(20) \quad (1 - r^2)^{\beta+1} \int_{rB} f \, d\lambda \leq 2 \int_r^1 dt \int_{tB} f(z)(1 - |z|^2)^\beta \, d\lambda(z)$$

for all  $r \in (0, 1)$  and  $\beta \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $\beta \geq 0$ .



*Proof.* For  $\beta \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$\int_0^1 dt \int_{tB} f(z)(1 - |z|^2)^\beta d\lambda(z) = \int_B f(z)(1 - |z|^2)^{\beta+1} \frac{1}{1 + |z|} d\lambda(z).$$

Since  $\frac{1}{2} < \frac{1}{1+|z|} \leq 1$  for all  $z \in B$ , we get (19).

Fix  $r \in (0, 1)$  and  $\beta \geq 0$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} (1 - r^2)^{\beta+1} \int_{rB} f d\lambda &\leq (1 - r^2) \int_{rB} f(z)(1 - |z|^2)^\beta d\lambda(z) \\ (21) \qquad \qquad \qquad &\leq 2 \int_{rB} f(z)(1 - |z|^2)^\beta d\lambda(z) \int_r^1 dt. \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand,

$$\begin{aligned} &\int_r^1 dt \int_{tB} f(z)(1 - |z|^2)^\beta d\lambda(z) \\ &= \int_{rB} f(z)(1 - |z|^2)^\beta d\lambda(z) \int_r^1 dt + \int_{B \setminus rB} f(z)(1 - |z|^2)^\beta d\lambda(z) \int_{|z|}^1 dt \\ (22) \qquad \qquad \qquad &\geq \int_{rB} f(z)(1 - |z|^2)^\beta d\lambda(z) \int_r^1 dt. \end{aligned}$$

(20) follows from (21) and (22). □

**COROLLARY 2.** *Suppose that  $f$  is a non-negative measurable function in  $B$ ,  $\beta \in [0, \infty)$  and*

$$(23) \qquad \int_B f(z)(1 - |z|^2)^{\beta+1} d\lambda(z) < \infty.$$

*Then*

$$(24) \qquad \lim_{r \uparrow 1} \left[ (1 - r^2)^{\beta+1} \int_{rB} f d\lambda \right] = 0.$$

*Proof.* By (23) and (19), we have

$$(25) \qquad \lim_{r \uparrow 1} \left[ \int_r^1 dt \int_{tB} f(z)(1 - |z|^2)^\beta d\lambda(z) \right] = 0.$$

(24) follows from (20) and (25). □

#### 4. Main results

The proof of the following theorem goes along the same line as that of C. Ouyang-W. Yang-R. Zhao's theorem ([13, Theorem 1]).

**THEOREM 1.** *Let  $-1 < \alpha < \infty$  and  $1 \leq p < \infty$ .*

(a) *Every  $f \in H(B) \setminus \{0\}$  satisfies the following inequalities:*

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{a_n \Gamma(n + \alpha + 1)}{2^{\alpha + \alpha^+} (n + \alpha + 1) \Gamma(\alpha + 2)} \int_B \tilde{\Delta}(\{\log(1 + |f|)\}^p)(z) (1 - |z|^2)^\alpha d\nu(z) \\ & \quad + \{\log(1 + |f(0)|)\}^p \\ & \leq \|f\|_{(AN)^p(\nu_\alpha)}^p \\ & \leq \frac{b_n 2^{\alpha + \alpha^+} \Gamma(n + \alpha + 1)}{(n + \alpha + 1) \Gamma(\alpha + 2)} \int_B \tilde{\Delta}(\{\log(1 + |f|)\}^p)(z) (1 - |z|^2)^\alpha d\nu(z) \\ & \quad + \int_S \{\log(1 + |f_{\frac{1}{2}}|\})\}^p d\sigma, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$a_n = \frac{n + 1}{2^{n+2} \Gamma(n + 1)}, \quad b_n = \frac{2^{3n-1} (n + 1)}{\Gamma(n + 1)}.$$

(b) *A function  $f \in H(B) \setminus \{0\}$  is in  $(AN)^p(\nu_\alpha)$  if and only if*

$$\int_B \tilde{\Delta}(\{\log(1 + |f|)\}^p) d\nu_\alpha < \infty.$$

(c) *Suppose  $1 < p < \infty$  and  $f \in H(B)$ . Then  $f \in (AN)^p(\nu_\alpha)$  if and only if*

$$\int_B \frac{\{\log(1 + |f|)\}^{p-2}}{(1 + |f|)^2} |\tilde{\nabla} f|^2 d\nu_\alpha < \infty.$$

(d) *A function  $f \in H(B) \setminus \{0\}$  is in  $(AN)^1(\nu_\alpha)$  if and only if*

$$\int_B \frac{|\tilde{\nabla} f|^2}{|f|(1 + |f|)^2} d\nu_\alpha < \infty.$$

(e) *If  $f \in (AN)^p(\nu_\alpha) \setminus \{0\}$ , then*

$$\lim_{r \uparrow 1} \left[ (1 - r^2)^{n+1+\alpha} \int_{rB} \tilde{\Delta}(\{\log(1 + |f|)\}^p) d\lambda \right] = 0.$$

(f) *Suppose  $1 < p < \infty$  and  $f \in (AN)^p(\nu_\alpha)$ . Then*

$$\lim_{r \uparrow 1} \left[ (1 - r^2)^{n+1+\alpha} \int_{rB} \frac{\{\log(1 + |f|)\}^{p-2}}{(1 + |f|)^2} |\tilde{\nabla} f|^2 d\lambda \right] = 0.$$

(g) If  $f \in (AN)^1(\nu_\alpha) \setminus \{0\}$ , then

$$\lim_{r \uparrow 1} \left[ (1 - r^2)^{n+1+\alpha} \int_{rB} \frac{|\tilde{\nabla} f|^2}{|f|(1 + |f|)^2} d\lambda \right] = 0.$$

*Proof.* For each  $\varepsilon > 0$ , let

$$v_\varepsilon = \left[ \log(1 + (|f|^2 + \varepsilon)^{1/2}) \right]^p.$$

Then  $v_\varepsilon \in C^\infty(B)$ . For  $0 < \delta < r < 1$ , let  $\Omega_{\delta r} = \{z \in B : \delta < |z| < r\}$ . By Green's formula as in [2, §3.3]

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\Omega_{\delta r}} \left[ \{g - g(re_1)\} \tilde{\Delta} v_\varepsilon - v_\varepsilon \tilde{\Delta} \{g - g(re_1)\} \right] d\tilde{\tau} \\ &= \int_{\partial\Omega_{\delta r}} \left[ \{g - g(re_1)\} \frac{\partial v_\varepsilon}{\partial \tilde{n}} - v_\varepsilon \frac{\partial}{\partial \tilde{n}} \{g - g(re_1)\} \right] d\tilde{\sigma}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $d\tilde{\tau}$  is the volume element on  $B$  determined by the Bergman metric,  $d\tilde{\sigma}$  is the surface area element on  $\partial\Omega_{\delta r}$  determined by the Bergman metric, and  $\frac{\partial}{\partial \tilde{n}}$  denotes the outward normal differentiation along  $\partial\Omega_{\delta r}$  with respect to the Bergman metric. Note that  $\tilde{\Delta}(\{g - g(re_1)\}) = 0$  in  $\Omega_{\delta r}$ ,  $g - g(re_1) = 0$  on  $rS \equiv \{z \in \mathbb{C}^n : |z| = r\}$ , and  $g - g(re_1) = g(\delta e_1) - g(re_1)$  on  $\delta S$ . Thus

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\Omega_{\delta r}} \{g - g(re_1)\} \tilde{\Delta} v_\varepsilon d\tilde{\tau} \\ (26) \quad &= -\{g(\delta e_1) - g(re_1)\} \int_{\delta S} \frac{\partial v_\varepsilon}{\partial \tilde{n}} d\tilde{\sigma}_\delta - \int_{rS} v_\varepsilon \frac{\partial g}{\partial \tilde{n}} d\tilde{\sigma}_r + \int_{\delta S} v_\varepsilon \frac{\partial g}{\partial \tilde{n}} d\tilde{\sigma}_\delta, \end{aligned}$$

where  $d\tilde{\sigma}_t$  is the surface area element on  $tS$ . By [2, p.18, (6)],

$$(27) \quad d\tilde{\tau}(z) = \frac{\omega_n(n+1)^n}{2n(1 - |z|^2)^{n+1}} d\nu(z) = \frac{\omega_n(n+1)^n}{2n} d\lambda(z), \quad z \in B,$$

where  $\omega_n$  denotes the Euclidean surface area of  $S$ . Since  $\{g - g(re_1)\} (\tilde{\Delta} v_\varepsilon) \in L^1(\tilde{\tau})$  on  $rB$ , (27) gives

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{\delta \downarrow 0} \int_{\Omega_{\delta r}} \{g - g(re_1)\} \tilde{\Delta} v_\varepsilon d\tilde{\tau} = \int_{rB} \{g - g(re_1)\} \tilde{\Delta} v_\varepsilon d\tilde{\tau} \\ (28) \quad &= \frac{\omega_n(n+1)^n}{2n} \int_{rB} \{g - g(re_1)\} \tilde{\Delta} v_\varepsilon d\lambda. \end{aligned}$$

By [2, p.20, (10)],

$$(29) \quad \frac{\partial g}{\partial \tilde{n}} = -\frac{(n+1)^{1/2}(1-t^2)^n}{2n t^{2n-1}} \quad \text{on } tS \quad (0 < t < 1).$$

By [2, the bottom line of p.19], for  $t \in (0, 1)$  and  $\zeta \in S$ ,

$$(30) \quad \begin{aligned} \left| \frac{\partial v_\varepsilon}{\partial \tilde{n}}(t\zeta) \right| &= \frac{2}{\sqrt{n+1}}(1-t^2) \left| \Re \left[ \sum_{j=1}^n \zeta_j \frac{\partial v_\varepsilon}{\partial z_j}(t\zeta) \right] \right| \\ &\leq \frac{2}{\sqrt{n+1}}(1-t^2) \sum_{j=1}^n \left| \frac{\partial v_\varepsilon}{\partial z_j}(t\zeta) \right|. \end{aligned}$$

By [2, p.19, (7)], for  $t \in (0, 1)$  and  $\zeta \in S$ ,

$$(31) \quad d\tilde{\sigma}_t(t\zeta) = \frac{\omega_n(n+1)^{n-1/2}t^{2n-1}}{(1-t^2)^n} d\sigma(\zeta).$$

By (30) and (31),

$$(32) \quad \begin{aligned} &\left| \{g(\delta e_1) - g(re_1)\} \int_{\delta S} \frac{\partial v_\varepsilon}{\partial \tilde{n}} d\tilde{\sigma}_\delta \right| \\ &\leq \frac{2\omega_n(n+1)^{n-1}\delta^{2n-1}}{(1-\delta^2)^{n-1}} g(\delta e_1) \int_S \sum_{j=1}^n \left| \frac{\partial v_\varepsilon}{\partial z_j}(\delta\zeta) \right| d\sigma(\zeta). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\lim_{\delta \downarrow 0} \delta^{2n-1} g(\delta e_1) = 0$  [19, p.65, (6.6)], it follows from (32) that

$$(33) \quad \lim_{\delta \downarrow 0} \{g(\delta e_1) - g(re_1)\} \int_{\delta S} \frac{\partial v_\varepsilon}{\partial \tilde{n}} d\tilde{\sigma}_\delta = 0.$$

Moreover, (29) and (31) give

$$(34) \quad \lim_{\delta \downarrow 0} \int_{\delta S} v_\varepsilon \frac{\partial g}{\partial \tilde{n}} d\tilde{\sigma}_\delta = -\frac{\omega_n(n+1)^n}{2n} v_\varepsilon(0)$$

and

$$(35) \quad -\int_{rS} v_\varepsilon \frac{\partial g}{\partial \tilde{n}} d\tilde{\sigma}_r = \frac{\omega_n(n+1)^n}{2n} \int_S (v_\varepsilon)_r d\sigma.$$

By (26), (28), (33), (34) and (35), we have

$$(36) \quad \int_{rB} \{g - g(re_1)\} \tilde{\Delta} v_\varepsilon d\lambda = \int_S (v_\varepsilon)_r d\sigma - v_\varepsilon(0).$$

Since  $(v_\varepsilon)_r \rightarrow \{\log(1 + |f_r|)\}^p$  uniformly on  $S$  as  $\varepsilon \downarrow 0$ ,

$$(37) \quad \lim_{\varepsilon \downarrow 0} \int_S (v_\varepsilon)_r d\sigma = \int_S \{\log(1 + |f_r|)\}^p d\sigma.$$

By (36) and (37),  
(38)

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \downarrow 0} \int_{rB} \{g - g(re_1)\} \tilde{\Delta} v_\varepsilon d\lambda = \int_S \{\log(1 + |f_r|)\}^p d\sigma - \{\log(1 + |f(0)|)\}^p.$$

By Corollary 1, Fatou's lemma and (38),

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{rB} \{g - g(re_1)\} \tilde{\Delta} v d\lambda &\leq \liminf_{\varepsilon \downarrow 0} \int_{rB} \{g - g(re_1)\} \tilde{\Delta} v_\varepsilon d\lambda \\ &= \int_S \{\log(1 + |f_r|)\}^p d\sigma - \{\log(1 + |f(0)|)\}^p < \infty, \end{aligned}$$

where  $v = \{\log(1 + |f|)\}^p$ . Thus

$$(39) \quad \{g - g(re_1)\} \tilde{\Delta} v \in L^1(\lambda, rB).$$

By (9) and (13) for any  $\varepsilon \in (0, 1]$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{2}{p(p+2)} \{g - g(re_1)\} \tilde{\Delta} v_\varepsilon \\ &\leq \{g - g(re_1)\} [\log(1 + |f|)]^{p-2} |\tilde{\nabla} f|^2 \\ &\leq \{g - g(re_1)\} \left\{ (\log 2)^{p-2} |\tilde{\nabla} f|^2 + \frac{2}{p(p-1) + \log 2} \tilde{\Delta} v \right\} \\ (40) \quad &= (\log 2)^{p-2} |\tilde{\nabla} f|^2 \{g - g(re_1)\} + \frac{2}{p(p-1) + \log 2} \{g - g(re_1)\} \tilde{\Delta} v \end{aligned}$$

in  $rB \setminus Z(f)$ , if  $1 \leq p \leq 2$ . Since  $g - g(re_1) \in L^1_{loc}(\lambda)$ , by (39),

$$(41) \quad \begin{aligned} &(\log 2)^{p-2} |\tilde{\nabla} f|^2 \{g - g(re_1)\} + \frac{2}{p(p-1) + \log 2} \{g - g(re_1)\} (\tilde{\Delta} v) \\ &\in L^1(\lambda, rB). \end{aligned}$$

If  $2 < p < \infty$ , then for any  $\varepsilon \in (0, 1]$ ,

$$(42) \quad \frac{2}{p(p+2)} \{g - g(re_1)\} \tilde{\Delta} v_\varepsilon \leq \{g - g(re_1)\} \left[ \log(1 + (|f|^2 + 1)^{1/2}) \right]^{p-2} |\tilde{\nabla} f|^2$$

in  $rB \setminus Z(f)$ . Since  $g - g(re_1) \in L^1_{loc}(\lambda)$ ,

$$(43) \quad \{g - g(re_1)\} \left[ \log(1 + (|f|^2 + 1)^{1/2}) \right]^{p-2} |\tilde{\nabla} f|^2 \in L^1(\lambda, rB).$$

By Corollary 1 and (40) ~ (43), we can apply Lebesgue's dominated convergence theorem to (38). Hence we have

$$(44) \quad \int_{rB} \{g - g(re_1)\} \tilde{\Delta} v \, d\lambda = \lim_{\varepsilon \downarrow 0} \int_{rB} \{g - g(re_1)\} \tilde{\Delta} v_\varepsilon \, d\lambda = \int_S v_r \, d\sigma - v(0).$$

The left hand side of (44) is

$$(45) \quad \begin{aligned} \int_{rB} \{g - g(re_1)\} \tilde{\Delta} v \, d\lambda &= \frac{n+1}{2n} \int_{rB} \tilde{\Delta} v \, d\lambda \int_{|z|}^r (1-t^2)^{n-1} t^{-2n+1} \, dt \\ &= \frac{n+1}{2n} \int_0^r (1-t^2)^{n-1} t^{-2n+1} \, dt \int_{tB} \tilde{\Delta} v \, d\lambda \\ &\geq \frac{n+1}{2n} r^{-2n+1} \int_0^r (1-t^2)^{n-1} \, dt \int_{tB} \tilde{\Delta} v \, d\lambda. \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, for  $0 < r < 1$ , there exists a positive integer  $k$  such that  $1/2^k \leq r < 1/2^{k-1}$ . Thus

$$(46) \quad \begin{aligned} &\frac{n+1}{2n} \int_0^r (1-t^2)^{n-1} t^{-2n+1} \, dt \int_{tB} \tilde{\Delta} v \, d\lambda \\ &= \frac{n+1}{2n} \left( \int_0^{\frac{1}{2^k}} + \int_{\frac{1}{2^k}}^r \right) (1-t^2)^{n-1} t^{-2n+1} \, dt \int_{tB} \tilde{\Delta} v \, d\lambda \\ &\leq \frac{n+1}{2n} \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} (1-t^2)^{n-1} t^{-2n+1} \, dt \int_{tB} \tilde{\Delta} v \, d\lambda \\ &\quad + \frac{n+1}{2n} 2^{k(2n-1)} \int_0^r (1-t^2)^{n-1} \, dt \int_{tB} \tilde{\Delta} v \, d\lambda \\ &\equiv I_1 + I_2. \end{aligned}$$

By (44) ~ (46),

$$(47) \quad I_1 = \int_{\frac{1}{2}B} \{g - g(2^{-1}e_1)\} \tilde{\Delta} v \, d\lambda = \int_S v_{\frac{1}{2}} \, d\sigma - v(0) < \infty.$$

Since  $2^{k(2n-1)} < 2^{2n-1} r^{-2n+1}$ ,

$$(48) \quad I_2 \leq \frac{n+1}{2n} 2^{2n-1} r^{-2n+1} \int_0^r (1-t^2)^{n-1} \, dt \int_{tB} \tilde{\Delta} v \, d\lambda.$$

By (44) ~ (48) for any  $r \in (0, 1)$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \beta_n r^{-2n+1} \int_0^r (1-t^2)^{n-1} dt \int_{tB} \tilde{\Delta} v d\lambda + v(0) \\
 (49) \quad & \leq \int_S v_r d\sigma, \\
 & \leq \gamma_n r^{-2n+1} \int_0^r (1-t^2)^{n-1} dt \int_{tB} \tilde{\Delta} v d\lambda + \int_S v_{\frac{1}{2}} d\sigma,
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $\beta_n = \frac{n+1}{2n}$  and  $\gamma = \frac{n+1}{2n} 2^{2n-1}$ . Note that

$$\|f\|_{(AN)^p(\nu_\alpha)}^p = \int_B \{\log(1+|f|)\}^p d\nu_\alpha = c_\alpha 2n \int_0^1 r^{2n-1} (1-r^2)^\alpha dr \int_S v_r d\sigma.$$

It follows from this and (49) that

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \beta_n c_\alpha 2n \int_0^1 (1-t^2)^{n-1} dt \int_{tB} \tilde{\Delta} v d\lambda \int_t^1 (1-r^2)^\alpha dr + v(0) \\
 (50) \quad & \leq \|f\|_{(AN)^p(\nu_\alpha)}^p \\
 & \leq \gamma_n c_\alpha 2n \int_0^1 (1-t^2)^{n-1} dt \int_{tB} \tilde{\Delta} v d\lambda \int_t^1 (1-r^2)^\alpha dr + \int_S v_{\frac{1}{2}} d\sigma.
 \end{aligned}$$

For  $\alpha \in (-1, \infty)$  and  $t \in (0, 1)$ , it holds that

$$(51) \quad \frac{(1-t^2)^{1+\alpha}}{2^{1+\alpha^+}(1+\alpha)} < \int_t^1 (1-r^2)^\alpha dr < \frac{2^{\alpha^+}(1-t^2)^{1+\alpha}}{1+\alpha},$$

where  $\alpha^+ = 0$  if  $\alpha \leq 0$ ,  $\alpha^+ = \alpha$  if  $\alpha > 0$ . By (51),

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \beta_n c_\alpha 2n \int_0^1 (1-t^2)^{n-1} dt \int_{tB} \tilde{\Delta} v d\lambda \int_t^1 (1-r^2)^\alpha dr \\
 (52) \quad & \geq \beta_n c_\alpha 2n \frac{1}{2^{1+\alpha^+}(1+\alpha)} \int_0^1 (1-t^2)^{n+\alpha} dt \int_{tB} \tilde{\Delta} v d\lambda \\
 & = \frac{2n\beta_n c_\alpha}{2^{1+\alpha^+}(1+\alpha)} \int_B (\tilde{\Delta} v)(z) d\lambda(z) \int_{|z|}^1 (1-t^2)^{n+\alpha} dt.
 \end{aligned}$$

Similarly,

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \gamma_n c_\alpha 2n \int_0^1 (1-t^2)^{n-1} dt \int_{tB} \tilde{\Delta} v d\lambda \int_t^1 (1-r^2)^\alpha dr \\
 (53) \quad & \leq \frac{2^{\alpha^+} 2n\gamma_n c_\alpha}{1+\alpha} \int_B (\tilde{\Delta} v)(z) d\lambda(z) \int_{|z|}^1 (1-t^2)^{n+\alpha} dt.
 \end{aligned}$$

Moreover, we can easily show that

$$(54) \quad \frac{(1 - |z|^2)^{n+\alpha+1}}{2^{n+\alpha+1}(n + \alpha + 1)} < \int_{|z|}^1 (1 - t^2)^{n+\alpha} dt \leq \frac{2^{n+\alpha}(1 - |z|^2)^{n+\alpha+1}}{n + \alpha + 1}$$

for all  $z \in B$ . By (50), (52), (53) and (54), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{a_n \Gamma(n + \alpha + 1)}{2^{\alpha+\alpha^+}(n + \alpha + 1)\Gamma(\alpha + 2)} \int_B \tilde{\Delta}v(z)(1 - |z|^2)^\alpha d\nu(z) + v(0) \\ & \leq \|f\|_{(AN)^p(\nu_\alpha)}^p \\ & \leq \frac{b_n 2^{\alpha+\alpha^+} \Gamma(n + \alpha + 1)}{(n + \alpha + 1)\Gamma(\alpha + 2)} \int_B \tilde{\Delta}v(z)(1 - |z|^2)^\alpha d\nu(z) + \int_S v_{\frac{1}{2}} d\sigma. \end{aligned}$$

This proves (a). (b) follows from (a). (c) and (d) follow from Lemma 3 and (b). (e) follows from (b) and Corollary 2. (f) follows from (c) and Corollary 2. Furthermore, (g) follows from (d) and Corollary 2.  $\square$

**THEOREM 2.** Suppose  $1 < p < \infty$ .

(a) A function  $f \in H(B) \setminus \{0\}$  is in  $N^p(B)$  if and only if

$$\int_B \tilde{\Delta}(\{\log(1 + |f|)\}^p)(z) \frac{d\nu(z)}{1 - |z|^2} < \infty.$$

(b) For  $f \in H(B)$ ,  $f \in N^p(B)$  if and only if

$$\int_B \frac{\{\log(1 + |f(z)|)\}^{p-2}}{(1 + |f(z)|)^2} |\tilde{\nabla}f(z)|^2 \frac{d\nu(z)}{1 - |z|^2} < \infty.$$

(c) If  $f \in N^p(B) \setminus \{0\}$ , then

$$\lim_{r \uparrow 1} \left[ (1 - r^2)^n \int_{rB} \tilde{\Delta}(\{\log(1 + |f|)\}^p) d\lambda \right] = 0.$$

(d) If  $f \in N^p(B)$ , then

$$\lim_{r \uparrow 1} \left[ (1 - r^2)^n \int_{rB} \frac{\{\log(1 + |f|)\}^{p-2}}{(1 + |f|)^2} |\tilde{\nabla}f|^2 d\lambda \right] = 0.$$

*Proof.* Let  $f \in H(B) \setminus \{0\}$ . The monotone convergence theorem gives

$$(55) \quad \begin{aligned} & \lim_{\alpha \downarrow -1} \int_B \tilde{\Delta}(\{\log(1 + |f|)\}^p)(z)(1 - |z|^2)^\alpha d\nu(z) \\ & = \int_B \tilde{\Delta}(\{\log(1 + |f|)\}^p)(z)(1 - |z|^2)^{-1} d\nu(z). \end{aligned}$$



And note that

$$(56) \quad \lim_{\alpha \downarrow -1} \frac{\Gamma(n + \alpha + 1)}{2^{\alpha + \alpha^+} (n + \alpha + 1)\Gamma(\alpha + 2)} = \frac{2\Gamma(n)}{n}.$$

By Theorem 1(a), Lemma 2, (55) and (56), we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{a_n 2\Gamma(n)}{n} \int_B \tilde{\Delta}(\{\log(1 + |f|)\}^p)(z) \frac{d\nu(z)}{1 - |z|^2} + \{\log(1 + |f(0)|)\}^p \\ & \leq \|f\|_{N^p(B)}^p \\ & \leq \frac{b_n \Gamma(n)}{2n} \int_B \tilde{\Delta}(\{\log(1 + |f|)\}^p)(z) \frac{d\nu(z)}{1 - |z|^2} + \int_S \{\log(1 + |f_{\frac{1}{2}}|)\}^p d\sigma. \end{aligned}$$

This proves (a). (b) follows from Lemma 3 and (a). (c) follows from (a) and Corollary 2. Furthermore, (d) follows from (b) and Corollary 2.  $\square$

REMARK. C. Ouyang and J. Riihentausta proved the following theorem in [12, p.38, Corollary 2]:

THEOREM. Let  $\varphi : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a nondecreasing, convex function that is bounded from below and differentiable. Let  $E_\infty$  be the set of points  $t$  in  $\mathbb{R}$  for which  $\varphi''(t)$  exists and equal  $+\infty$  (and which set is of Lebesgue measure zero). Suppose further that  $|\varphi'(E_\infty)| = 0$ . Then a holomorphic function  $f$  on  $B$ ,  $f \not\equiv 0$ , belongs to the Hardy-Orlicz class  $H_\varphi(B)$  if

$$(57) \quad \int_B (1 - |z|^2)^n \varphi''(\log |f(z)|) \frac{|\tilde{\nabla} f(z)|^2}{|f(z)|^2} d\lambda(z) < \infty.$$

The integrand in (57) is defined to be 0 in the case when its expression is not defined.

This result by C. Ouyang-J. Riihentausta is related to our Theorem 2 (b).

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