

## CHARACTERIZATIONS OF HARDY-TYPE, BERGMAN-TYPE AND DIRICHLET-TYPE SPACES ON CERTAIN CLASSES OF COMPLEX-VALUED FUNCTIONS

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**Abstract.** In this paper, we continue our investigation of function spaces on certain classes of complex-valued functions. In particular, we give characterizations on Hardy-type, Bergman-type and Dirichlet-type spaces. Furthermore, we present applications of our results to certain nonlinear PDEs.

### 1. Introduction and main results

For a positive integer  $n \geq 1$ , let  $\mathbf{C}^n$  denote the complex *Euclidean  $n$ -space*. For  $z := (z_1, \dots, z_n)$  and  $w = (w_1, \dots, w_n)$  in  $\mathbf{C}^n$ , we let  $\bar{z} = (\bar{z}_1, \dots, \bar{z}_n)$ , and  $\langle z, w \rangle := \sum_{k=1}^n z_k \bar{w}_k$  with the *Euclidean norm*  $\|z\| := \langle z, z \rangle^{1/2}$  which makes  $\mathbf{C}^n$  into an  $n$ -dimensional complex *Hilbert space*. For  $a \in \mathbf{C}^n$  and  $r > 0$ ,  $\mathbf{B}^n(a, r)$  denotes the (open) ball of radius  $r$  with center  $a$ . Also, we let  $\mathbf{B}^n(r) := \mathbf{B}^n(0, r)$  and denote the unit ball by  $\mathbf{B}^n := \mathbf{B}^n(1)$ . In particular, let  $\mathbf{B}^1(r) = \mathbf{D}(r)$  and  $\mathbf{D} = \mathbf{B}^1$ . For a domain  $\Omega \subset \mathbf{C}^n$  with non-empty boundary, let  $d_\Omega(z)$  be the Euclidean distance from  $z$  to the boundary  $\partial\Omega$  of  $\Omega$ . Moreover, we always use  $d(z)$  to denote the Euclidean distance from  $z$  to the boundary of  $\mathbf{B}^n$ . We denote by  $\mathcal{C}^m(\mathbf{B}^n)$  the set of all  $m$ -time continuously differentiable complex-valued functions  $f$  of  $\mathbf{B}^n$  into  $\mathbf{C}$ , where  $m \in \{0, 1, \dots\}$ .

For  $k \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ ,  $z = (z_1, \dots, z_n) \in \mathbf{C}^n$  and  $f \in \mathcal{C}^1(\mathbf{B}^n)$ , we introduce the following notations:

$$\nabla f = (f_{z_1}, \dots, f_{z_n}), \quad \bar{\nabla} f = (f_{\bar{z}_1}, \dots, f_{\bar{z}_n}) \quad \text{and} \quad D_f = (\nabla f, \bar{\nabla} f),$$

where  $f_{z_k} = \partial f / \partial z_k = 1/2(\partial f / \partial x_k - i \partial f / \partial y_k)$ ,  $f_{\bar{z}_k} = \partial f / \partial \bar{z}_k = 1/2(\partial f / \partial x_k + i \partial f / \partial y_k)$  and  $z_k = x_k + iy_k$ , with  $x_k$  and  $y_k$  real. Let  $\|D_f\|$  be the *Hilbert-Schmidt semi-norm* given by

$$\|D_f\| = (\|\nabla f\|^2 + \|\bar{\nabla} f\|^2)^{1/2}.$$

Let  $f = u + iv \in \mathcal{C}^1(\mathbf{B}^n)$ , where  $u$  and  $v$  are real-valued functions. Then for  $z = (z_1, \dots, z_n) = (x_1 + iy_1, \dots, x_n + iy_n) \in \mathbf{B}^n$ ,

$$(1.1) \quad \|\nabla f(z)\| + \|\bar{\nabla} f(z)\| \leq \|\nabla u(z)\| + \|\nabla v(z)\|,$$

where

$$\nabla u = \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_1}, \frac{\partial u}{\partial y_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_n}, \frac{\partial u}{\partial y_n} \right) \quad \text{and} \quad \nabla v = \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial x_1}, \frac{\partial v}{\partial y_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial v}{\partial x_n}, \frac{\partial v}{\partial y_n} \right).$$

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Note that the converse of (1.1) is not always true (see [5]).

**Generalized Hardy spaces.** For  $p \in (0, \infty]$ , the *generalized Hardy space*  $\mathcal{H}_g^p(\mathbf{B}^n)$  consists of measurable functions  $f: \mathbf{B}^n \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$  such that  $M_p(r, f)$  exists for all  $r \in (0, 1)$  and  $\|f\|_p < \infty$ , where

$$\|f\|_p = \begin{cases} \sup_{0 < r < 1} M_p(r, f), & \text{if } p \in (0, \infty), \\ \sup_{z \in \mathbf{B}^n} |f(z)|, & \text{if } p = \infty, \end{cases} \quad M_p(r, f) = \left( \int_{\partial \mathbf{B}^n} |f(r\zeta)|^p d\sigma(\zeta) \right)^{1/p}$$

and  $d\sigma$  denotes the normalized Lebesgue surface measure in  $\partial \mathbf{B}^n$ .

There are numerous characterizations of the classical analytic Hardy spaces in the literature, see for example [12, 17, 18, 21, 22, 27]. But, to our knowledge, there are few analogous results for general complex-valued functions. In this paper, we give the following characterization of a class of complex-valued functions  $f$  in Hardy-type spaces.

**Theorem 1.** For  $p \geq 2$ , let  $f \in \mathcal{C}^2(\mathbf{B}^n)$  with  $\operatorname{Re}(f\overline{\Delta f}) \geq 0$ . Then,

$$\int_{\mathbf{B}^n} d(z)\Delta(|f(z)|^p) dV_N(z) < \infty$$

if and only if  $f \in \mathcal{H}_g^p(\mathbf{B}^n)$ , where  $dV_N$  denotes the normalized Lebesgue volume measure in  $\mathbf{B}^n$  and  $\Delta$  is the usual complex Laplacian operator

$$\Delta := 4 \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z_k \partial \bar{z}_k} = \sum_{k=1}^n \left( \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_k^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y_k^2} \right)$$

for  $z = (z_1, \dots, z_n) = (x_1 + iy_1, \dots, x_n + iy_n) \in \mathbf{B}^n$ .

**Yukawa PDE.** Let  $\tau, \eta: \mathbf{B}^n \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  be continuous and  $f = u + iv \in \mathcal{C}^2(\mathbf{B}^n)$ , where  $u$  and  $v$  are real-valued functions in  $\mathbf{B}^n$ . The nonlinear elliptic partial differential equation (PDE) of the form

$$(1.2) \quad \Delta f(z) = \tau(z)f(z) + \eta(z)\operatorname{Re}(f(z))$$

is called the *non-homogeneous Yukawa PDE*, where  $z \in \mathbf{B}^n$ . If  $\tau$  in (1.2) is a positive constant function and  $\eta \equiv 0$ , then we have the usual Yukawa PDE. This equation arose from the work of the Japanese Nobel physicist Hideki Yukawa, who used it to describe the nuclear potential of a point charge as  $e^{-\sqrt{r}r}/r$  (cf. [1, 3, 7, 9, 10, 11, 16, 30, 34]).

As an application of Theorem 1, we obtain the following result.

**Corollary 1.1.** For  $p \geq 2$ , let  $f \in \mathcal{C}^2(\mathbf{B}^n)$  satisfying (1.2). Then,

$$\int_{\mathbf{B}^n} d(z)\Delta(|f(z)|^p) dV_N(z) < \infty$$

if and only if  $f \in \mathcal{H}_g^p(\mathbf{B}^n)$ .

A continuous increasing function  $\omega: [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  with  $\omega(0) = 0$  is called a *majorant* if  $\omega(t)/t$  is non-increasing for  $t > 0$  (cf. [14, 15, 25, 26]). Given a subset  $\Omega$  of  $\mathbf{C}^n$ , a function  $f: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$  is said to belong to the *Lipschitz space*  $L_\omega(\Omega)$  if there is a positive constant  $C$  such that

$$|f(z) - f(w)| \leq C\omega(|z - w|) \quad \text{for all } z, w \in \Omega.$$

A classical result of Hardy and Littlewood asserts that if  $p \in (0, \infty]$ ,  $\alpha \in (1, \infty)$  and  $f$  is an analytic function in  $\mathbf{D}$ , then (cf. [12, 21, 22])

$$M_p(r, f') = O\left(\left(\frac{1}{1-r}\right)^\alpha\right) \text{ as } r \rightarrow 1,$$

if and only if

$$M_p(r, f) = O\left(\left(\log \frac{1}{1-r}\right)^{\alpha-1}\right) \text{ as } r \rightarrow 1.$$

In [17], via the closed graph theorem, Girela, Pavlović and Peláez refined the above result for the case  $\alpha = 1$  as follows.

**Theorem A.** [17, Theorem 1.1] *Let  $p \in (2, \infty)$ . For  $r \in (0, 1)$ , if  $f$  is analytic in  $\mathbf{D}$  such that*

$$M_p(r, f') = O\left(\frac{1}{1-r}\right) \text{ as } r \rightarrow 1,$$

then

$$M_p(r, f) = O\left(\left(\log \frac{1}{1-r}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}\right) \text{ as } r \rightarrow 1$$

and the exponent  $1/2$  is sharp.

Theorem A gives an affirmative answer to the open problem in [18, p. 464, Equation (26)]. For related investigations on this topic, we refer to [3, 4, 7, 32].

Next we study the relationship between the integral means of solutions to the equation (1.2) and those of their second order partial derivative. Our result is given as follows.

**Theorem 2.** *Let  $\omega$  be a majorant and  $f \in \mathcal{C}^2(\mathbf{B}^n)$  satisfying (1.2) with  $\eta + \tau < 4n/p$ , where  $\tau$  and  $\eta$  are nonnegative constant functions. For  $p \geq 2$  and  $r \in (0, 1)$ , if*

$$M_p(r, D_f^*) \leq M^* \omega\left(\frac{1}{1-r}\right),$$

then

$$M_p(r, D_f) \leq \sqrt{M_2^*} \left[ \|D_f(0)\|^2 + M_1^* \int_0^1 \omega\left(\frac{1}{1-rt}\right) dt \right]^{\frac{1}{2}},$$

and  $f \in \mathcal{H}_g^p(\mathbf{B}^n)$ , where  $M^*$  is a positive constant,

$$D_f^* = \left[ \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^n \left( |f_{z_k z_j}|^2 + |f_{z_k \bar{z}_j}|^2 + |f_{\bar{z}_k z_j}|^2 + |f_{\bar{z}_k \bar{z}_j}|^2 \right) \right]^{\frac{1}{2}},$$

$$M_1^* = 2p(2p-3)(M^*)^2 \omega(1) \text{ and } M_2^* = 1/[1-p(\eta+\tau)/(4n)].$$

In particular, by taking  $\omega(t) = t$  in Theorem 2, we obtain the following result.

**Corollary 1.2.** *Let  $p \geq 2$  and  $f \in \mathcal{C}^2(\mathbf{B}^n)$  satisfying (1.2) with  $\eta + \tau < 4n/p$ , where  $\tau$  and  $\eta$  are nonnegative constant functions. For  $r \in (0, 1)$ , if*

$$M_p(r, D_f^*) = O\left(\frac{1}{1-r}\right) \text{ as } r \rightarrow 1,$$

then

$$M_p(r, D_f) = O\left(\left(\log \frac{1}{1-r}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}\right) \text{ as } r \rightarrow 1,$$

and  $f \in \mathcal{H}_g^p(\mathbf{B}^n)$ .

**Dirichlet-type spaces and Bergman-type spaces.** For  $\nu, \mu, t \in \mathbf{R}$ ,

$$\mathcal{D}_f(\nu, \mu, t) = \int_{\mathbf{B}^n} d^\nu(z) |f(z)|^\mu \|D_f(z)\|^t dV_N(z) < \infty$$

is called *Dirichlet-type energy integral* of the complex-valued function  $f$  (cf. [1, 2, 7, 16, 17, 19, 31, 32, 33, 34]). In particular, for  $\nu \geq 0, \mu = 0$  and  $0 < t < \infty$ , we use  $\mathcal{D}_{\nu,t}(\mathbf{B}^n)$  to denote the *Dirichlet-type space* consisting of all  $f \in \mathcal{C}^1(\mathbf{B}^n)$  with the norm

$$\|f\|_{\mathcal{D}_{\nu,t}} = |f(0)| + (\mathcal{D}_f(\nu, 0, t))^{1/t} < \infty.$$

Moreover, for  $\nu > -1, 0 < \mu < \infty$  and  $t = 0$ , we denote by  $b_{\nu,\mu}(\mathbf{B}^n)$  the *Bergman-type space* consisting of all  $f \in \mathcal{C}^0(\mathbf{B}^n)$  with the norm

$$\|f\|_{b_{\nu,\mu}} = |f(0)| + (\mathcal{D}_f(\nu, \mu, 0))^{1/\mu} < \infty.$$

We refer to [13, 17, 19, 20, 26, 28, 35] for basic characterizations of analytic (or harmonic) Bergman-type spaces and Dirichlet-type spaces. Again, for general complex-valued functions, very little related research can be found from the literature. The following is a characterization of a class of complex-valued functions  $f$  in Bergman-type spaces.

**Theorem 3.** *Let  $f \in \mathcal{C}^2(\mathbf{B}^n)$  with  $\operatorname{Re}(f\overline{\Delta f}) \geq 0$ . Then, for  $p \geq 2$  and  $\alpha \geq 2$ ,*

$$\int_{\mathbf{B}^n} (1 - |z|^2)^\alpha \Delta (|f(z)|^p) dV_N(z) < \infty,$$

*if and only if  $f \in b_{\alpha-2,p}(\mathbf{B}^n)$ .*

The following result easily follows from Theorem 3.

**Corollary 1.3.** *Let  $f \in \mathcal{C}^2(\mathbf{B}^n)$  satisfy (1.2). Then, for  $p \geq 2$  and  $\alpha \geq 2$ ,*

$$\int_{\mathbf{B}^n} (1 - |z|^2)^\alpha \Delta (|f(z)|^p) dV_N(z) < \infty$$

*if and only if  $f \in b_{\alpha-2,p}(\mathbf{B}^n)$ .*

**Definition 1.** For  $m \in \{2, 3, \dots\}$ , we denote by  $\mathcal{HZ}_m(\mathbf{B}^n)$  the class of all functions  $f \in \mathcal{C}^m(\mathbf{B}^n)$  satisfying *Heinz's* nonlinear differential inequality (cf. [23])

$$|\Delta f(z)| \leq a(z) \|D_f(z)\| + b(z) |f(z)| + c(z),$$

where  $a(z), b(z)$  and  $c(z)$  are real-valued nonnegative continuous functions in  $\mathbf{B}^n$ .

**Theorem 4.** *Let  $M$  be a nonnegative constant and  $f \in \mathcal{HZ}_3(\mathbf{B}^n) \cap \mathcal{D}_{\gamma,\alpha}(\mathbf{B}^n)$  with  $\operatorname{Re}(f\overline{\Delta f}) \geq 0$  and  $\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \sum_{k=1}^n [\overline{f_{z_k}}(\Delta f)_{z_k} + \overline{f_{\bar{z}_k}}(\Delta f)_{\bar{z}_k}] \right\} \geq 0$ , where  $2 \leq \alpha \leq 2n, \gamma > 0, \sup_{z \in \mathbf{B}^n} a(z) < \infty, \sup_{z \in \mathbf{B}^n} b(z) < \infty$  and  $c(z) \leq M(d(z))^{-q}$ . Then for  $p \geq 2$ ,*

$$\int_{\mathbf{B}^n} (d(z))^{pq} \Delta (|f(z)|^p) dV_N(z) < \infty,$$

*where  $q = (2n + \gamma)/\alpha - 1$ .*

The result given below is a consequence of Theorem 4.

**Corollary 1.4.** *For  $2 \leq \alpha \leq 2n$  and  $\gamma > 0$ , let  $f \in \mathcal{HZ}_3(\mathbf{B}^n) \cap \mathcal{D}_{\gamma,\alpha}(\mathbf{B}^n)$  satisfying (1.2), where  $\tau$  and  $\eta$  are nonnegative constant functions. Then for  $p \geq 2$ ,*

$$\int_{\mathbf{B}^n} (d(z))^{pq} \Delta (|f(z)|^p) dV_N(z) < \infty,$$

*where  $q = (2n + \gamma)/\alpha - 1$ .*

*Proof.* By elementary calculations, we see that if  $f$  is a solution to (1.2), then  $f$  satisfies Heinz's nonlinear differential inequality. Hence Corollary 1.4 follows from (2.8), (2.9) and Theorem 4.  $\square$

By Corollaries 1.1, 1.3 and 1.4, we get

**Corollary 1.5.** For  $2 \leq \alpha \leq 2n$  and  $\gamma > 0$ , let  $q = (2n + \gamma)/\alpha - 1$  and let  $f \in \mathcal{HZ}_3(\mathbf{B}^n) \cap \mathcal{D}_{\gamma,\alpha}(\mathbf{B}^n)$  satisfy (1.2), where  $\tau$  and  $\eta$  are nonnegative constant functions.

- (1) If  $p = \frac{1}{q} \geq 2$ , then  $f \in \mathcal{H}_g^p(\mathbf{B}^n)$ ;
- (2) If  $p \geq 2$  and  $pq \geq 2$ , then  $f \in b_{pq-2,p}(\mathbf{B}^n)$ .

**Definition 2.** For  $p \geq 2$ ,  $t_1 > 0$ ,  $t_2 > 0$  and  $m \in \{2, 3, \dots\}$ , we denote by  $\mathcal{IHZ}_m^{t_1,t_2}(\mathbf{B}^n)$  the class of all functions  $f \in \mathcal{C}^m(\mathbf{B}^n)$  satisfying the inverse Heinz's nonlinear differential inequality

$$\Delta(|f(z)|^p) \geq a_1(z)\|D_f(z)\|^{t_1} + b_1(z)|f(z)|^{t_2} + c_1(z),$$

where  $a_1(z)$ ,  $b_1(z)$  and  $c_1(z)$  are real-valued nonnegative continuous functions in  $\mathbf{B}^n$ .

**Theorem 5.** Let  $f \in \mathcal{IHZ}_2^{t_1,t_2}(\mathbf{B}^n) \cap \mathcal{H}_g^p(\mathbf{B}^n)$ , where  $\inf_{z \in \mathbf{B}^n} a_1(z) + \inf_{z \in \mathbf{B}^n} b_1(z) > 0$  and  $\inf_{z \in \mathbf{B}^n} c_1(z) \geq 0$ .

- (1) If  $\inf_{z \in \mathbf{B}^n} a_1(z) > 0$ , then  $f \in \mathcal{D}_{1,t_1}(\mathbf{B}^n)$ ;
- (2) If  $\inf_{z \in \mathbf{B}^n} b_1(z) > 0$ , then  $f \in b_{1,t_2}(\mathbf{B}^n)$ .

For  $k \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ , let  $\lambda_k \in \mathbf{R}$  be a constant and let  $f \in \mathcal{C}^1(\mathbf{B}^n)$  satisfy the following nonlinear PDE,

$$(1.3) \quad \frac{\partial f}{\partial \bar{z}_k} = \lambda_k |f|^\alpha,$$

where  $\alpha \geq 0$ . If, for each  $k \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ ,  $\lambda_k = 0$ , then  $f$  is holomorphic. Moreover, if  $\alpha = 0$ , then  $f$  is pluriharmonic (cf. [6, 29]). It has attracted the attention of many authors when  $n = \lambda_1 = 1$  and  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$  (cf. [2, 8, 24]).

**Corollary 1.6.** For  $\sum_{k=1}^n \lambda_k^2 \neq 0$ ,  $\alpha \geq 0$  and  $p > \max\{2, (\alpha - 2)^2/4\}$ , if  $f \in \mathcal{H}_g^p(\mathbf{B}^n) \cap \mathcal{C}^2(\mathbf{B}^n)$  satisfies (1.3), then  $f \in b_{1,\vartheta}(\mathbf{B}^n)$ , where  $\vartheta = p + 2\alpha - 2$ .

The proofs of Theorems 1 and 2 will be presented in Section 2, and the proofs of Theorems 3, 4, 5 and Corollary 1.6 will be given in Section 3.

## 2. Hardy-type spaces and applications to pdes

We start this section by recalling the following result.

**Theorem B.** [27] Let  $g$  be a function of class  $\mathcal{C}^2(\mathbf{B}^n)$ . Then, for  $r \in (0, 1)$ ,

$$\int_{\partial \mathbf{B}^n} g(r\zeta) d\sigma(\zeta) = g(0) + \int_{\mathbf{B}^n(r)} \Delta g(z) G_{2n}(z, r) dV_N(z),$$

where

$$G_{2n}(z, r) = \begin{cases} \frac{|z|^{2(1-n)} - r^{2(1-n)}}{4n(n-1)}, & \text{if } n \geq 2, \\ \frac{1}{2} \log \frac{r}{|z|}, & \text{if } n = 1. \end{cases}$$

**Lemma 1.** Let  $p \geq 2$  and  $f \in \mathcal{C}^2(\mathbf{B}^n)$  with  $\text{Re}(f\overline{\Delta f}) \geq 0$ . Then  $M_p^p(r, f)$  is increasing with respect to  $r \in (0, 1)$ .

*Proof.* Case 1. Let  $p \in [4, \infty)$ . By elementary calculations, we get

$$\Delta(|f|^p) = p(p - 2)|f|^{p-4} \sum_{k=1}^n |f_{z_k} \bar{f} + \overline{f_{z_k}} f|^2 + 2p|f|^{p-2} \|D_f\|^2 + p|f|^{p-2} \operatorname{Re}(f \overline{\Delta f}) \geq 0,$$

which implies that, for  $p \in [4, \infty)$ ,  $M_p^p(r, f)$  is increasing in  $(0, 1)$ .

Case 2. Let  $p \in [2, 4)$ . For  $m \in \{1, 2, \dots\}$ , let  $T_m^p = (|f|^2 + \frac{1}{m})^{\frac{p}{2}}$ . By computations, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta(T_m^p) &= 4 \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z_k \partial \bar{z}_k} (T_m^p) = 4 \sum_{k=1}^n (T_m^p)_{z_k \bar{z}_k} \\ &= p(p - 2) \left( |f|^2 + \frac{1}{m} \right)^{\frac{p}{2}-2} \sum_{k=1}^n |f_{z_k} \bar{f} + \overline{f_{z_k}} f|^2 \\ &\quad + 2p \left( |f|^2 + \frac{1}{m} \right)^{\frac{p}{2}-1} \|D_f\|^2 + p \left( |f|^2 + \frac{1}{m} \right)^{\frac{p}{2}-1} \operatorname{Re}(f \overline{\Delta f}). \end{aligned}$$

Let  $Q_m = \Delta(T_m^p)$ . It is not difficult to show that, for  $r \in (0, 1)$ ,  $Q_m$  is integrable in  $\mathbf{B}^n(r)$  and  $0 < Q_m \leq \Lambda_f$ , where

$$\begin{aligned} \Lambda_f &= p(p - 2)|f|^{p-2} \sum_{k=1}^n (|f_{z_k}| + |f_{\bar{z}_k}|)^2 + 2p(|f|^2 + 1)^{\frac{p}{2}-1} \|D_f\|^2 \\ &\quad + p(|f|^2 + 1)^{\frac{p}{2}-1} \operatorname{Re}(f \overline{\Delta f}) \end{aligned}$$

and  $\Lambda_f$  is integrable in  $\mathbf{B}^n(r)$ .

By using Theorem B and Lebesgue’s dominated convergence theorem, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} r^{2n-1} \frac{d}{dr} M_p^p(r, T_m) &= \frac{1}{2n} \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\mathbf{B}^n(r)} Q_m dV_N = \frac{1}{2n} \int_{\mathbf{B}^n(r)} \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} Q_m dV_N \\ &= \frac{1}{2n} \int_{\mathbf{B}^n(r)} [p(p - 2)|f|^{p-4} \sum_{k=1}^n |f_{z_k} \bar{f} + \overline{f_{z_k}} f|^2 \\ &\quad + 2p|f|^{p-2} \|D_f\|^2 + p|f|^{p-2} \operatorname{Re}(f \overline{\Delta f})] dV_N \\ &= r^{2n-1} \frac{d}{dr} M_p^p(r, f) \geq 0, \end{aligned}$$

which implies that  $M_p^p(r, f)$  is increasing in  $r$  on  $(0, 1)$  for  $p \in [2, 4)$ . □

By using Theorem B and a similar argument as in the proof of Lemma 1, we obtain the following result.

**Lemma 2.** *Let  $p \geq 2$  and  $f \in \mathcal{C}^2(\mathbf{B}^n)$  with  $\operatorname{Re}(f \overline{\Delta f}) \geq 0$ . Then, for  $r \in (0, 1)$ ,*

$$M_p^p(r, f) = |f(0)|^p + \int_{\mathbf{B}^n(r)} \Delta(|f(z)|^p) G_{2n}(z, r) dV_N(z),$$

where  $G_{2n}$  is the function defined in Theorem B.

*Proof of Theorem 1.* Case 1. Let  $n \geq 2$ . We first prove the necessity. For a fixed positive constant  $r_0 \in (0, 1)$ , let  $r \in (r_0, 1)$ . Then, by Lemma 2, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 M_p^p(r, f) &= |f(0)|^p + \int_{\mathbf{B}^n(r)} \Delta(|f(z)|^p) G_{2n}(z, r) dV_N(z) \\
 &= |f(0)|^p + \frac{1}{4n(n-1)} \int_{\mathbf{B}^n(r) \setminus \mathbf{B}^n(r_0)} (|z|^{2(1-n)} - r^{2(1-n)}) \Delta(|f(z)|^p) dV_N(z) \\
 (2.1) \quad &+ \frac{1}{4n(n-1)} \int_{\mathbf{B}^n(r_0)} (|z|^{2(1-n)} - r^{2(1-n)}) \Delta(|f(z)|^p) dV_N(z).
 \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\Delta(|f|^p) \geq 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2.2) \quad \infty &> 2n \int_{\partial \mathbf{B}^n} \int_0^{r_0} (\rho - \rho^{2n-1}) \Delta(|f(\rho\zeta)|^p) d\rho d\sigma(\zeta) \\
 &\geq 2n \int_{\partial \mathbf{B}^n} \int_0^{r_0} (\rho - r^{2(1-n)} \rho^{2n-1}) \Delta(|f(\rho\zeta)|^p) d\rho d\sigma(\zeta) \\
 &= \int_{\mathbf{B}^n(r_0)} (|z|^{2(1-n)} - r^{2(1-n)}) \Delta(|f(z)|^p) dV_N(z)
 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\int_{\mathbf{B}^n(r) \setminus \mathbf{B}^n(r_0)} (|z|^{2(1-n)} - r^{2(1-n)}) \Delta(|f(z)|^p) dV_N(z) \\
 &= \int_{\mathbf{B}^n(r) \setminus \mathbf{B}^n(r_0)} \frac{(r - |z|) (\sum_{k=0}^{2n-3} r^{2n-3-k} |z|^k)}{|z|^{2n-2} r^{2n-2}} \Delta(|f(z)|^p) dV_N(z) \\
 &\leq \frac{(2n-2)}{r_0^{4n-4}} \int_{\mathbf{B}^n(r) \setminus \mathbf{B}^n(r_0)} (r - |z|) \Delta(|f(z)|^p) dV_N(z) \\
 &\leq \frac{(2n-2)}{r_0^{4n-4}} \int_{\mathbf{B}^n} d(z) \Delta(|f(z)|^p) dV_N(z) < \infty.
 \end{aligned}$$

By (2.1) and Lemma 1, we see that the limit

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow 1^-} M_p(r, f)$$

exists. Hence  $f \in \mathcal{H}_g^p(\mathbf{B}^n)$ .

Next we prove the sufficiency. Applying (2.1), (2.2) and  $f \in \mathcal{H}_g^p(\mathbf{B}^n)$ , we observe that

$$\begin{aligned}
 \infty &> \int_{\mathbf{B}^n(r) \setminus \mathbf{B}^n(r_0)} (|z|^{2(1-n)} - r^{2(1-n)}) \Delta(|f(z)|^p) dV_N(z) \\
 &= \int_{\mathbf{B}^n(r) \setminus \mathbf{B}^n(r_0)} \frac{(r - |z|) (\sum_{k=0}^{2n-3} r^{2n-3-k} |z|^k)}{|z|^{2n-2} r^{2n-2}} \Delta(|f(z)|^p) dV_N(z) \geq I(r),
 \end{aligned}$$

which, together with the monotonicity of  $I(r)$  on  $r \in [r_0, 1)$ , yields that

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow 1^-} \int_{\mathbf{B}^n(r) \setminus \mathbf{B}^n(r_0)} (r - |z|) \Delta(|f(z)|^p) dV_N(z)$$

exists, where

$$I(r) = (2n-2)r_0^{2n-3} \int_{\mathbf{B}^n(r) \setminus \mathbf{B}^n(r_0)} (r - |z|) \Delta(|f(z)|^p) dV_N(z).$$

Therefore,

$$\int_{\mathbf{B}^n} d(z)\Delta(|f(z)|^p) dV_N(z) < \infty.$$

Case 2. Let  $n = 1$ . In this case, we also first prove the necessity. Fix  $r \in (0, 1)$ . Since

$$\lim_{|z| \rightarrow r} \frac{\log r - \log |z|}{r - |z|} = \frac{1}{r},$$

we see that there exists  $r_0 \in (0, r)$  such that

$$(2.3) \quad \frac{1}{2r} \leq \frac{\log r - \log |z|}{r - |z|} \leq \frac{3}{2r}$$

for  $r_0 \leq |z| < r$ . It is not difficult to see that, for  $|z| \leq r < 1$ ,

$$(2.4) \quad \frac{r - |z|}{r} \leq 1 - |z|.$$

Because

$$\lim_{\rho \rightarrow 0^+} \rho \log \frac{1}{\rho} = 0,$$

it follows that

$$(2.5) \quad \begin{aligned} \int_{\mathbf{D}(r_0)} \Delta(|f(z)|^p) \log \frac{r}{|z|} dA(z) &= \int_{\mathbf{D}(r_0)} \Delta(|f(z)|^p) \log \frac{1}{|z|} dA(z) \\ &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{r_0} \Delta(|f(\rho e^{i\theta})|^p) \rho \log \frac{1}{\rho} d\theta < \infty, \end{aligned}$$

where  $dA$  denotes the normalized area measure in  $\mathbf{D}$ .

By (2.3), (2.4), (2.5), Lemmas 1 and 2, we see that

$$\begin{aligned} M_p^p(r, f) &= |f(0)|^p + \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbf{D}(r)} \Delta(|f(z)|^p) \log \frac{r}{|z|} dA(z) \\ &= |f(0)|^p + \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbf{D}(r_0)} \Delta(|f(z)|^p) \log \frac{r}{|z|} dA(z) + \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbf{D}(r) \setminus \mathbf{D}(r_0)} \Delta(|f(z)|^p) \log \frac{r}{|z|} dA(z) \\ &\leq |f(0)|^p + \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbf{D}(r_0)} \Delta(|f(z)|^p) \log \frac{r}{|z|} dA(z) + \frac{3}{4} \int_{\mathbf{D}(r) \setminus \mathbf{D}(r_0)} \Delta(|f(z)|^p) \frac{(r - |z|)}{r} dA(z) \\ &\leq |f(0)|^p + \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbf{D}(r_0)} \Delta(|f(z)|^p) \log \frac{r}{|z|} dA(z) + \frac{3}{4} \int_{\mathbf{D} \setminus \mathbf{D}(r_0)} \Delta(|f(z)|^p) d(z) dA(z) < \infty, \end{aligned}$$

which implies that the limit

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow 1^-} M_p(r, f)$$

exists. Hence  $f \in \mathcal{H}_g^p(\mathbf{B}^n)$ .

Now we prove the sufficiency. By (2.3), we have

$$(2.6) \quad \begin{aligned} \int_{\mathbf{D}(r) \setminus \mathbf{D}(r_0)} \Delta(|f(z)|^p) \log \frac{r}{|z|} dA(z) &\geq \frac{1}{2r} \int_{\mathbf{D}(r) \setminus \mathbf{D}(r_0)} \Delta(|f(z)|^p) (r - |z|) dA(z) \\ &\geq \frac{I^*(r)}{2}, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$I^*(r) = \int_{\mathbf{D}(r) \setminus \mathbf{D}(r_0)} \Delta(|f(z)|^p) (r - |z|) dA(z).$$



By (2.6), Lemmas 1 and 2, we have

$$\begin{aligned} M_p^p(r, f) &= |f(0)|^p + \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbf{D}(r)} \Delta(|f(z)|^p) \log \frac{r}{|z|} dA(z) \\ &= |f(0)|^p + \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbf{D}(r_0)} \Delta(|f(z)|^p) \log \frac{r}{|z|} dA(z) + \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbf{D}(r) \setminus \mathbf{D}(r_0)} \Delta(|f(z)|^p) \log \frac{r}{|z|} dA(z) \\ &\geq |f(0)|^p + \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbf{D}(r_0)} \Delta(|f(z)|^p) \log \frac{r}{|z|} dA(z) + \frac{1}{4} I^*(r), \end{aligned}$$

which yields that  $I^*(r) < \infty$ . Since  $I^*(r)$  is increasing on  $r$ , we see that

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow 1^-} I^*(r)$$

exists. Then

$$\int_{\mathbf{D}} d(z) \Delta(|f(z)|^p) dA(z) < \infty$$

concluding the proof of the theorem. □

**Lemma 3.** *Let  $f \in \mathcal{C}^3(\mathbf{B}^n)$  and  $\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \sum_{k=1}^n [\overline{f_{z_k}}(\Delta f)_{z_k} + \overline{f_{\bar{z}_k}}(\Delta f)_{\bar{z}_k}] \right\} \geq 0$ . Then, for  $\alpha \geq 2$ ,  $\|D_f\|^\alpha$  is subharmonic in  $\mathbf{B}^n$ .*

*Proof.* First we consider the case  $\alpha \in [4, \infty)$ . Since

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta(\|D_f\|^\alpha) &= \alpha(\alpha - 2)\|D_f\|^{\alpha-4} \left| \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^n (f_{z_k z_j} \overline{f_{z_k}} + \overline{f_{z_k \bar{z}_j}} f_{z_k} + f_{\bar{z}_k z_j} \overline{f_{\bar{z}_k}} + \overline{f_{\bar{z}_k \bar{z}_j}} f_{\bar{z}_k}) \right|^2 \\ &\quad + 2\alpha\|D_f\|^{\alpha-2} \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^n (|f_{z_j z_k}|^2 + |f_{z_j \bar{z}_k}|^2 + |f_{\bar{z}_j z_k}|^2 + |f_{\bar{z}_j \bar{z}_k}|^2) \\ &\quad + \alpha\|D_f\|^{\alpha-2} \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \sum_{k=1}^n [\overline{f_{z_k}}(\Delta f)_{z_k} + \overline{f_{\bar{z}_k}}(\Delta f)_{\bar{z}_k}] \right\} \geq 0, \end{aligned}$$

we see that, for  $\alpha \in [4, \infty)$ ,  $\|D_f\|^\alpha$  is subharmonic in  $\mathbf{B}^n$ .

Next we deal with the case  $\alpha \in [2, 4)$ . In this case, for  $m \in \{1, 2, \dots\}$ , we let  $F_m^\alpha = (\|D_f\|^2 + \frac{1}{m})^{\frac{\alpha}{2}}$ . Then, by elementary computations, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta(F_m^\alpha) &= 4 \sum_{j=1}^n (F_m^\alpha)_{z_j \bar{z}_j} = 4 \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z_j \partial \bar{z}_j} \left\{ \left[ \frac{1}{m} + \sum_{k=1}^n (f_{z_k} \overline{f_{z_k}} + \overline{f_{\bar{z}_k}} f_{\bar{z}_k}) \right]^{\frac{\alpha}{2}} \right\} \\ &= \alpha(\alpha - 2) \left( \|D_f\|^2 + \frac{1}{m} \right)^{\frac{\alpha}{2}-2} \left[ \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\partial}{\partial z_j} (\|D_f\|^2) \right] \left[ \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{z}_j} (\|D_f\|^2) \right] \\ &\quad + 2\alpha \left( \|D_f\|^2 + \frac{1}{m} \right)^{\frac{\alpha}{2}-1} \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^n (|f_{z_j z_k}|^2 + |f_{z_j \bar{z}_k}|^2 + |f_{\bar{z}_j z_k}|^2 + |f_{\bar{z}_j \bar{z}_k}|^2) \\ &\quad + \alpha \left( \|D_f\|^2 + \frac{1}{m} \right)^{\frac{\alpha}{2}-1} \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \sum_{k=1}^n [\overline{f_{z_k}}(\Delta f)_{z_k} + \overline{f_{\bar{z}_k}}(\Delta f)_{\bar{z}_k}] \right\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \alpha(\alpha - 2) \left( \|D_f\|^2 + \frac{1}{m} \right)^{\frac{\alpha}{2}-2} \left| \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^n (f_{z_k z_j} \overline{f_{z_k}} + \overline{f_{z_k \bar{z}_j}} f_{z_k} + f_{\bar{z}_k z_j} \overline{f_{\bar{z}_k}} + \overline{f_{\bar{z}_k \bar{z}_j}} f_{\bar{z}_k}) \right|^2 \\
 &+ 2\alpha \left( \|D_f\|^2 + \frac{1}{m} \right)^{\frac{\alpha}{2}-1} \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^n (|f_{z_j z_k}|^2 + |f_{z_j \bar{z}_k}|^2 + |f_{\bar{z}_j z_k}|^2 + |f_{\bar{z}_j \bar{z}_k}|^2) \\
 &+ \alpha \left( \|D_f\|^2 + \frac{1}{m} \right)^{\frac{\alpha}{2}-1} \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \sum_{k=1}^n \left[ \overline{f_{z_k}} (\Delta f)_{z_k} + \overline{f_{\bar{z}_k}} (\Delta f)_{\bar{z}_k} \right] \right\}.
 \end{aligned}$$

By the Cauchy–Schwarz inequality, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2.7) \quad &\left| \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^n (f_{z_k z_j} \overline{f_{z_k}} + \overline{f_{z_k \bar{z}_j}} f_{z_k} + f_{\bar{z}_k z_j} \overline{f_{\bar{z}_k}} + \overline{f_{\bar{z}_k \bar{z}_j}} f_{\bar{z}_k}) \right|^2 \\
 &\leq \left[ \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^n (|f_{z_k z_j} \overline{f_{z_k}}| + |\overline{f_{z_k \bar{z}_j}} f_{z_k}| + |f_{\bar{z}_k z_j} \overline{f_{\bar{z}_k}}| + |\overline{f_{\bar{z}_k \bar{z}_j}} f_{\bar{z}_k}|) \right]^2 \\
 &\leq \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^n \left[ (2|f_{z_k}|^2 + 2|f_{\bar{z}_k}|^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} (|f_{z_k z_j}|^2 + |f_{z_k \bar{z}_j}|^2 + |f_{\bar{z}_k z_j}|^2 + |f_{\bar{z}_k \bar{z}_j}|^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right] \right\}^2 \\
 &\leq 2 \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^n \left[ (2|f_{z_k}|^2 + 2|f_{\bar{z}_k}|^2) (|f_{z_k z_j}|^2 + |f_{z_k \bar{z}_j}|^2 + |f_{\bar{z}_k z_j}|^2 + |f_{\bar{z}_k \bar{z}_j}|^2) \right] \\
 &\leq 4 \|D_f\|^2 \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^n (|f_{z_k z_j}|^2 + |f_{z_k \bar{z}_j}|^2 + |f_{\bar{z}_k z_j}|^2 + |f_{\bar{z}_k \bar{z}_j}|^2).
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence, by (2.7) and Lebesgue’s dominated convergence theorem, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \Delta(F_m^\alpha) &= \alpha(\alpha - 2) \|D_f\|^{\alpha-4} \left| \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^n (f_{z_k z_j} \overline{f_{z_k}} + \overline{f_{z_k \bar{z}_j}} f_{z_k} + f_{\bar{z}_k z_j} \overline{f_{\bar{z}_k}} + \overline{f_{\bar{z}_k \bar{z}_j}} f_{\bar{z}_k}) \right|^2 \\
 &+ 2\alpha \|D_f\|^{\alpha-2} \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^n (|f_{z_j z_k}|^2 + |f_{z_j \bar{z}_k}|^2 + |f_{\bar{z}_j z_k}|^2 + |f_{\bar{z}_j \bar{z}_k}|^2) \\
 &+ \alpha \|D_f\|^{\alpha-2} \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \sum_{k=1}^n \left[ \overline{f_{z_k}} (\Delta f)_{z_k} + \overline{f_{\bar{z}_k}} (\Delta f)_{\bar{z}_k} \right] \right\} \geq 0.
 \end{aligned}$$

Then, for  $\alpha \in [2, 4)$ ,  $\|D_f\|^\alpha$  is subharmonic in  $\mathbf{B}^n$ . □

*Proof of Theorem 2* It is not difficult to see that if  $\tau$  and  $\eta$  are constant functions, then each solution  $f$  to (1.2) belongs to  $C^\infty(\mathbf{B}^n)$ , i.e., they are infinitely differentiable in  $\mathbf{B}^n$ .

By elementary calculations, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2.8) \quad \sum_{k=1}^n \operatorname{Re} \left[ \overline{f_{z_k}} (\Delta f)_{z_k} + \overline{f_{\bar{z}_k}} (\Delta f)_{\bar{z}_k} \right] &= \sum_{k=1}^n \left[ \tau (|f_{z_k}|^2 + |f_{\bar{z}_k}|^2) + \frac{\eta}{2} |f_{z_k} + \overline{f_{\bar{z}_k}}|^2 \right] \\
 &\leq (\eta + \tau) \|D_f\|^2,
 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$(2.9) \quad \operatorname{Re}(f \overline{\Delta f}) = \tau |f|^2 + \eta (\operatorname{Re}(f))^2 \leq (\eta + \tau) |f|^2.$$

By using Hölder's inequality, for  $\rho \in (0, 1)$ , we see that

$$(2.10) \quad \int_{\partial\mathbf{B}^n} \|D_f(\rho\zeta)\|^{p-2} (D_f^*(\rho\zeta))^2 d\sigma(\zeta) \leq M_p^2(\rho, D_f^*) M_p^{p-2}(\rho, D_f)$$

and

$$(2.11) \quad \int_{\partial\mathbf{B}^n} \|f(\rho\zeta)\|^{p-2} \|D_f(\rho\zeta)\|^2 d\sigma(\zeta) \leq M_p^2(\rho, D_f) M_p^{p-2}(\rho, f).$$

For  $t \in [0, 1]$ ,  $r \in (0, 1)$  and  $\rho \in (0, r]$ , we obtain

$$(2.12) \quad \frac{t(1 - t^{2n-2})}{2(n - 1)} \leq 1 - t$$

and

$$(2.13) \quad \rho \log \frac{r}{\rho} \leq r - \rho,$$

where  $n \geq 2$ .

Case 1. Let  $n \geq 2$ .

Step 1. By (2.7), (2.8), (2.10), Lemma 3, Theorem B and Lebesgue's Dominated Convergence theorem, we see that

$$\begin{aligned} M_p^p(r, D_f) &= \|D_f(0)\|^p + \int_{\mathbf{B}^n(r)} \Delta(\|D_f(z)\|^p) G_{2n}(z, r) dV_N(z) = \|D_f(0)\|^p \\ &+ \int_{\mathbf{B}^n(r)} \left\{ p\|D_f(z)\|^{p-2} \sum_{k=1}^n \operatorname{Re} \left[ \overline{f_{z_k}(z)} (\Delta f(z))_{z_k} + \overline{f_{\bar{z}_k}(z)} (\Delta f(z))_{\bar{z}_k} \right] \right. \\ &+ p(p-2)\|D_f(z)\|^{p-4} \left| \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^n \left( f_{z_k z_j}(z) \overline{f_{z_k}(z)} \right. \right. \\ &+ \left. \left. \overline{f_{z_k \bar{z}_j}(z)} f_{z_k}(z) + f_{\bar{z}_k z_j}(z) \overline{f_{\bar{z}_k}(z)} + \overline{f_{\bar{z}_k \bar{z}_j}(z)} f_{\bar{z}_k}(z) \right) \right|^2 \\ &\left. + 2p\|D_f(z)\|^{p-2} (D_f^*(z))^2 \right\} G_{2n}(z, r) dV_N(z) \\ &\leq \|D_f(0)\|^p + p \int_{\mathbf{B}^n(r)} \left[ (\eta + \tau)\|D_f(z)\|^p \right. \\ &\left. + 2(2p-3)\|D_f(z)\|^{p-2} (D_f^*(z))^2 \right] G_{2n}(z, r) dV_N(z) \\ &= \|D_f(0)\|^p + \frac{p(\eta + \tau)}{2(n-1)} \int_0^r (\rho - \rho^{2n-1} r^{2(1-n)}) M_p^p(\rho, D_f) d\rho \\ &+ \frac{p(2p-3)}{(n-1)} \int_0^r (\rho - \rho^{2n-1} r^{2(1-n)}) \int_{\partial\mathbf{B}^n} \|D_f(\rho\zeta)\|^{p-2} (D_f^*(\rho\zeta))^2 d\sigma(\zeta) d\rho \\ &\leq \|D_f(0)\|^p + \frac{p(\eta + \tau)}{2(n-1)} \int_0^r (\rho - \rho^{2n-1} r^{2(1-n)}) M_p^p(\rho, D_f) d\rho \\ &+ \frac{p(2p-3)}{(n-1)} \int_0^r (\rho - \rho^{2n-1} r^{2(1-n)}) M_p^2(\rho, D_f^*) M_p^{p-2}(\rho, D_f) d\rho. \end{aligned}$$

The above together with (2.12) and subharmonicity of  $\|D_f\|^p$ , shows that

$$\begin{aligned} & \left[ 1 - \frac{p(\eta + \tau)}{2(n-1)} \int_0^r (\rho - \rho^{2n-1} r^{2(1-n)}) d\rho \right] M_p^2(r, D_f) = \left[ 1 - \frac{pr^2(\eta + \tau)}{4n} \right] M_p^2(r, D_f) \\ & \leq \|D_f(0)\|^2 + \frac{p(2p-3)}{(n-1)} \int_0^r (\rho - \rho^{2n-1} r^{2(1-n)}) M_p^2(\rho, D_f^*) d\rho \\ & = \|D_f(0)\|^2 + 2p(2p-3)r^2 \int_0^1 \frac{t(1-t^{2n-2})}{2(n-1)} M_p^2(rt, D_f^*) dt \\ & \leq \|D_f(0)\|^2 + 2p(2p-3)r^2(M^*)^2 \int_0^1 \left[ \omega\left(\frac{1}{1-rt}\right) \right]^2 (1-t) dt \\ & \leq \|D_f(0)\|^2 + 2p(2p-3)r^2(M^*)^2 \int_0^1 \left[ \omega\left(\frac{1}{1-rt}\right) \right]^2 (1-rt) dt \\ & \leq \|D_f(0)\|^2 + 2p(2p-3)r^2(M^*)^2 \omega(1) \int_0^1 \omega\left(\frac{1}{1-rt}\right) dt. \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$(2.14) \quad M_p^2(r, D_f) \leq M_2^* \left[ \|D_f(0)\|^2 + M_1^* \int_0^1 \omega\left(\frac{1}{1-rt}\right) dt \right],$$

where  $M_1^* = 2p(2p-3)(M^*)^2\omega(1)$  and  $M_2^* = 1/[1-p(\eta+\tau)/(4n)]$ .

Step 2. By (2.9), (2.11), Lemmas 1 and 2, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} M_p^p(r, f) &= |f(0)|^p + \int_{\mathbf{B}^n(r)} \Delta(|f(z)|^p) G_{2n}(z, r) dV_N(z) \\ &\leq |f(0)|^p + \int_0^r \int_{\partial\mathbf{B}^n} 4np(p-1)\rho^{2n-1} |f(\rho\zeta)|^{p-2} |D_f(\rho\zeta)|^2 G_{2n}(\rho\zeta, r) d\sigma(\zeta) d\rho \\ &\quad + p(\eta + \tau) \int_{\mathbf{B}^n(r)} |f(z)|^p G_{2n}(z, r) dV_N(z) \\ &\leq |f(0)|^p + 4p(p-1) \int_0^r n\rho^{2n-1} G_{2n}(\rho\zeta, r) M_p^2(\rho, D_f) M_p^{p-2}(\rho, f) d\rho \\ &\quad + \frac{p(\eta + \tau)r^2}{4n} M_p^p(r, f). \end{aligned}$$

By the above estimates, (2.12), (2.14) and the monotonicity of  $M_p(r, f)$  on  $r$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{M_p^2(r, f)}{M_2^*} &\leq \left[ 1 - \frac{p(\eta + \tau)r^2}{4n} \right] M_p^2(r, f) \\ &\leq |f(0)|^2 + 4p(p-1) \int_0^r n\rho^{2n-1} G_{2n}(\rho\zeta, r) M_p^2(\rho, D_f) d\rho \\ &= |f(0)|^2 + 2p(p-1) \int_0^1 r^2 M_p^2(r\rho, D_f) \cdot \frac{\rho(1-\rho^{2n-2})}{2(n-1)} d\rho \\ &\leq |f(0)|^2 + 2p(p-1) \int_0^1 M_p^2(r\rho, D_f)(1-\rho) d\rho \\ &\leq |f(0)|^2 + 2p(p-1)M_2^* \|D_f(0)\|^2 \\ &\quad + 2p(p-1)M_1^*M_2^* \int_0^1 \left[ \int_0^1 \omega\left(\frac{1}{1-r\rho t}\right)(1-\rho) dt \right] d\rho \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq |f(0)|^2 + 2p(p-1)M_2^* \|D_f(0)\|^2 \\ &\quad + 2p(p-1)M_1^* M_2^* \int_0^1 \left[ \int_0^1 \omega\left(\frac{1}{1-r\rho t}\right) (1-r\rho t) dt \right] d\rho \\ &\leq |f(0)|^2 + 2p(p-1)M_2^* \|D_f(0)\|^2 + 2p(p-1)M_1^* M_2^* \omega(1) < \infty. \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $f \in \mathcal{H}_g^p(\mathbf{B}^n)$ .

Case 2. Let  $n = 1$ .

Step 3. By (2.7), (2.8), (2.10), Lemma 3, Theorem B and Lebesgue's dominated convergence theorem, we see that

$$\begin{aligned} M_p^p(r, D_f) &= \|D_f(0)\|^p + \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbf{D}(r)} \Delta(\|D_f(z)\|^p) \log \frac{r}{|z|} dA(z) \\ &= \|D_f(0)\|^p + \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbf{D}(r)} \left\{ p\|D_f(z)\|^{p-2} \operatorname{Re} \left[ \overline{f_z(z)} (\Delta f(z))_z + \overline{f_{\bar{z}}(z)} (\Delta f(z))_{\bar{z}} \right] \right. \\ &\quad \left. + p(p-2)\|D_f(z)\|^{p-4} \left| \left( f_{zz}(z) \overline{f_z(z)} + \overline{f_{z\bar{z}}(z)} f_z(z) + f_{\bar{z}\bar{z}}(z) \overline{f_{\bar{z}}(z)} + \overline{f_{\bar{z}\bar{z}}(z)} f_{\bar{z}}(z) \right) \right|^2 \right. \\ &\quad \left. + 2p\|D_f(z)\|^{p-2} (D_f^*(z))^2 \right\} \log \frac{r}{|z|} dA(z) \\ &\leq \|D_f(0)\|^p + \frac{p}{2} \int_{\mathbf{D}(r)} \left[ (\eta + \tau)\|D_f(z)\|^p + 2(2p-3)\|D_f(z)\|^{p-2} (D_f^*(z))^2 \right] \log \frac{r}{|z|} dA(z) \\ &= \|D_f(0)\|^p + p(\eta + \tau) \int_0^r M_p^p(\rho, D_f) \rho \log \frac{r}{\rho} d\rho \\ &\quad + 2p(2p-3) \int_0^r \rho \log \frac{r}{\rho} \left( \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \|D_f(\rho e^{i\theta})\|^{p-2} (D_f^*(\rho e^{i\theta}))^2 d\theta \right) d\rho \\ &\leq \|D_f(0)\|^p + p(\eta + \tau) \int_0^r M_p^p(\rho, D_f) \rho \log \frac{r}{\rho} d\rho \\ &\quad + 2p(2p-3) \int_0^r M_p^2(\rho, D_f^*) M_p^{p-2}(\rho, D_f) \rho \log \frac{r}{\rho} d\rho \\ &\leq \|D_f(0)\|^p + p(\eta + \tau) M_p^p(r, D_f) \int_0^r \rho \log \frac{r}{\rho} d\rho \\ &\quad + 2p(2p-3) \int_0^r M_p^2(\rho, D_f^*) M_p^{p-2}(\rho, D_f) \rho \log \frac{r}{\rho} d\rho, \end{aligned}$$

which, together with (2.13), gives that

$$\begin{aligned} &\left[ 1 - p(\eta + \tau) \int_0^r \rho \log \frac{r}{\rho} d\rho \right] M_p^2(r, D_f) = \left[ 1 - \frac{pr^2(\eta + \tau)}{4} \right] M_p^2(r, D_f) \\ &\leq \|D_f(0)\|^2 + 2p(2p-3) \int_0^r \rho \log \frac{r}{\rho} M_p^2(\rho, D_f^*) d\rho \\ &\leq \|D_f(0)\|^2 + 2p(2p-3) \int_0^r (r-\rho) M_p^2(\rho, D_f^*) d\rho \\ &= \|D_f(0)\|^2 + 2p(2p-3)r^2 \int_0^1 (1-t) M_p^2(rt, D_f^*) dt \\ &\leq \|D_f(0)\|^2 + 2p(2p-3)r^2 (M^*)^2 \int_0^1 \left[ \omega\left(\frac{1}{1-rt}\right) \right]^2 (1-t) dt \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq \|D_f(0)\|^2 + 2p(2p - 3)r^2(M^*)^2 \int_0^1 \left[ \omega\left(\frac{1}{1 - rt}\right) \right]^2 (1 - rt) dt \\ &\leq \|D_f(0)\|^2 + 2p(2p - 3)r^2(M^*)^2 \omega(1) \int_0^1 \omega\left(\frac{1}{1 - rt}\right) dt, \end{aligned}$$

where  $dA$  denotes the normalized area measure in  $\mathbf{D}$ . Then

$$(2.15) \quad M_p^2(r, D_f) \leq M_2^{**} \left[ \|D_f(0)\|^2 + M_1^* \int_0^1 \omega\left(\frac{1}{1 - rt}\right) dt \right],$$

where  $M_2^{**} = 1/[1 - p(\eta + \tau)/4]$ .

Step 4. By (2.9), (2.11), Lemmas 1 and 2, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} M_p^p(r, f) &= |f(0)|^p + \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbf{D}(r)} \Delta(|f(z)|^p) \log \frac{r}{|z|} dV_N(z) \\ &\leq |f(0)|^p + 2p(p - 1) \int_0^r \left( \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} |f(\rho e^{i\theta})|^{p-2} |D_f(\rho e^{i\theta})|^2 d\theta \right) \rho \log \frac{r}{\rho} d\rho \\ &\quad + p(\eta + \tau) \int_0^r \left( \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} |f(\rho e^{i\theta})|^p d\theta \right) \rho \log \frac{r}{\rho} d\rho \\ &\leq |f(0)|^p + 2p(p - 1) \int_0^r \rho \log \frac{r}{\rho} M_p^2(\rho, D_f) M_p^{p-2}(\rho, f) d\rho \\ &\quad + p(\eta + \tau) M_p^p(r, f) \int_0^r \rho \log \frac{r}{\rho} d\rho \\ &\leq |f(0)|^p + 2p(p - 1) \int_0^r \rho \log \frac{r}{\rho} M_p^2(\rho, D_f) M_p^{p-2}(\rho, f) d\rho \\ &\quad + \frac{pr^2(\eta + \tau)}{4} M_p^p(r, f). \end{aligned}$$

The above, (2.13), (2.15) and the monotonicity of  $M_p(r, f)$  on  $r$ , imply that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{M_p^2(r, f)}{M_2^{**}} &\leq \left[ 1 - \frac{p(\eta + \tau)r^2}{4} \right] M_p^2(r, f) \\ &\leq |f(0)|^2 + 2p(p - 1) \int_0^r M_p^2(\rho, D_f) \rho \log \frac{r}{\rho} d\rho \\ &\leq |f(0)|^2 + 2p(p - 1) \int_0^r M_p^2(\rho, D_f) (r - \rho) d\rho \\ &\leq |f(0)|^2 + 2p(p - 1) \int_0^1 M_p^2(r\rho, D_f) (1 - \rho) d\rho \\ &\leq |f(0)|^2 + 2p(p - 1) M_2^{**} \|D_f(0)\|^2 \\ &\quad + 2p(p - 1) M_1^* M_2^{**} \int_0^1 \left[ \int_0^1 \omega\left(\frac{1}{1 - r\rho t}\right) (1 - \rho) dt \right] d\rho \\ &\leq |f(0)|^2 + 2p(p - 1) M_2^{**} \|D_f(0)\|^2 \\ &\quad + 2p(p - 1) M_1^* M_2^{**} \int_0^1 \left[ \int_0^1 \omega\left(\frac{1}{1 - r\rho t}\right) (1 - r t \rho) dt \right] d\rho \\ &\leq |f(0)|^2 + 2p(p - 1) M_2^{**} \|D_f(0)\|^2 + 2p(p - 1) M_1^* M_2^{**} \omega(1) < \infty. \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $f \in \mathcal{H}_g^p(\mathbf{D})$ . The proof of the theorem is complete. □

### 3. Dirichlet-type spaces, Bergman-type spaces and applications to PDEs

*Proof of Theorem 3.* We first prove the necessity. Since  $\operatorname{Re}(f\overline{\Delta f}) \geq 0$ , we observe that  $\Delta(|f|^p) \geq 0$  and

$$(3.1) \quad 0 \leq \int_{\mathbf{B}^n} (1 - |z|^2)^\alpha \Delta(|f(z)|^p) dV_N(z) < \infty.$$

Let  $r \in (0, 1)$ . For  $\alpha \geq 2$ , it is not difficult to see that

$$(r^2 - |z|^2)^\alpha|_{\partial\mathbf{B}^n(r)} = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial\varepsilon} [(r^2 - |z|^2)^\alpha]|_{\partial\mathbf{B}^n(r)} = 0,$$

where  $\partial/\partial\varepsilon$  denotes an outer normal derivative. Then, by Green's theorem, we get

$$(3.2) \quad \begin{aligned} & \int_{\mathbf{B}^n(r)} (r^2 - |z|^2)^\alpha \Delta(|f(z)|^p) dV_N(z) = \int_{\mathbf{B}^n(r)} |f(z)|^p \Delta[(r^2 - |z|^2)^\alpha] dV_N(z) \\ & = 4\alpha \int_{\mathbf{B}^n(r)} |f(z)|^p (r^2 - |z|^2)^{\alpha-2} [|z|^2(n + \alpha - 1) - nr^2] dV_N(z), \end{aligned}$$

which, together with (3.1), gives that

$$\begin{aligned} \infty &> 4\alpha \int_{\mathbf{B}^n(R_1)} |f(z)|^p (1 - |z|^2)^{\alpha-2} [n - |z|^2(n + \alpha - 1)] dV_N(z) \\ &+ \int_{\mathbf{B}^n} (1 - |z|^2)^\alpha \Delta(|f(z)|^p) dV_N(z) \\ &\geq 4\alpha \int_{\mathbf{B}^n(rR_1)} |f(z)|^p (1 - |z|^2)^{\alpha-2} [n - |z|^2(n + \alpha - 1)] dV_N(z) \\ &+ \int_{\mathbf{B}^n(r)} (1 - |z|^2)^\alpha \Delta(|f(z)|^p) dV_N(z) \\ &\geq 4\alpha \int_{\mathbf{B}^n(rR_1)} |f(z)|^p (r^2 - |z|^2)^{\alpha-2} [nr^2 - |z|^2(n + \alpha - 1)] dV_N(z) \\ &+ \int_{\mathbf{B}^n(r)} (r^2 - |z|^2)^\alpha \Delta(|f(z)|^p) dV_N(z) \\ &= 4\alpha \int_{\mathbf{B}^n(r) \setminus \mathbf{B}^n(rR_1)} |f(z)|^p (r^2 - |z|^2)^{\alpha-2} [|z|^2(n + \alpha - 1) - nr^2] dV_N(z) \\ &\geq 2r^2\alpha \int_{\mathbf{B}^n(r) \setminus \mathbf{B}^n(rR_2)} |f(z)|^p (r^2 - |z|^2)^{\alpha-2} dV_N(z), \end{aligned}$$

where  $R_1 = \sqrt{\frac{n}{n+\alpha-1}}$  and  $R_2 = \sqrt{\frac{n+\frac{1}{2}}{n+\alpha-1}}$ .

For  $R_2 < r < 1$ , we conclude that

$$(3.3) \quad \infty > 2r^2\alpha \int_{\mathbf{B}^n(r) \setminus \mathbf{B}^n(rR_2)} |f(z)|^p (r^2 - |z|^2)^{\alpha-2} dV_N(z) \geq 2\alpha R_2^2 U(r),$$

where

$$U(r) = \int_{\mathbf{B}^n(r) \setminus \mathbf{B}^n(R_2)} |f(z)|^p (r^2 - |z|^2)^{\alpha-2} dV_N(z).$$

Then, for  $R_2 < r < 1$ ,  $U(r)$  is increasing and bounded, from which we conclude that

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow 1^-} U(r)$$

exists. Hence for  $p \geq 2$ ,  $f \in b_{\alpha-2,p}(\mathbf{B}^n)$ .

Next we prove the sufficiency. For  $\alpha \geq 2$ , by (3.2), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 (3.4) \quad & 4\alpha \int_{\mathbf{B}^n(rR_1)} |f(z)|^p (r^2 - |z|^2)^{\alpha-2} [nr^2 - |z|^2(n + \alpha - 1)] dV_N(z) \\
 & + \int_{\mathbf{B}^n(r)} (r^2 - |z|^2)^\alpha \Delta(|f(z)|^p) dV_N(z) \\
 & = 4\alpha \int_{\mathbf{B}^n(r) \setminus \mathbf{B}^n(rR_1)} |f(z)|^p (r^2 - |z|^2)^{\alpha-2} [|z|^2(n + \alpha - 1) - nr^2] dV_N(z) \\
 & \leq 4\alpha(n + \alpha - 1) \int_{\mathbf{B}^n(r) \setminus \mathbf{B}^n(rR_1)} |f(z)|^p (r^2 - |z|^2)^{\alpha-2} dV_N(z) \\
 & \leq 4\alpha(n + \alpha - 1) \int_{\mathbf{B}^n} |f(z)|^p (1 - |z|^2)^{\alpha-2} dV_N(z) < \infty.
 \end{aligned}$$

Since

$$\begin{aligned}
 (3.5) \quad & \infty > \int_{\mathbf{B}^n(R_1)} |f(z)|^p (1 - |z|^2)^{\alpha-2} [n - |z|^2(n + \alpha - 1)] dV_N(z) \\
 & \geq \int_{\mathbf{B}^n(rR_1)} |f(z)|^p (r^2 - |z|^2)^{\alpha-2} [nr^2 - |z|^2(n + \alpha - 1)] dV_N(z),
 \end{aligned}$$

which, together with (3.4) and  $\Delta(|f|^p) \geq 0$ , implies that

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow 1^-} \int_{\mathbf{B}^n(r)} (r^2 - |z|^2)^\alpha \Delta(|f(z)|^p) dV_N(z)$$

does exist. Therefore,

$$\int_{\mathbf{B}^n} (1 - |z|^2)^\alpha \Delta(|f(z)|^p) dV_N(z) < \infty,$$

and thus the theorem is proved. □

The following result is well-known.

**Lemma 4.** *Suppose that  $a, b \in [0, \infty)$  and  $q \in (0, \infty)$ . Then*

$$(a + b)^q \leq 2^{\max\{q-1, 0\}} (a^q + b^q).$$

*Proof of Theorem 4.* By Lemma 3, for  $\rho \in [0, d(z))$ , we get

$$(3.6) \quad \|D_f(z)\|^\alpha \leq \int_{\partial \mathbf{B}^n} \|D_f(z + \rho\zeta)\|^\alpha d\sigma(\zeta).$$

Multiplying both sides of the inequality (3.6) by  $2n\rho^{2n-1}$  and integrating from 0 to  $d(z)/2$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{d(z)^{2n} \|D_f(z)\|^\alpha}{2^{2n}} & \leq \int_{\partial \mathbf{B}^n} \int_0^{\frac{d(z)}{2}} 2n\rho^{2n-1} \|D_f(z + \rho\zeta)\|^\alpha d\rho d\sigma(\zeta) \\
 & = \int_{\mathbf{B}^n(z, \frac{d(z)}{2})} \|D_f(\xi)\|^\alpha dV_N(\xi) \\
 & \leq 2^\gamma (d(z))^{-\gamma} \int_{\mathbf{B}^n(z, \frac{d(z)}{2})} (1 - |\xi|)^\gamma \|D_f(\xi)\|^\alpha dV_N(\xi) \\
 & \leq \frac{2^\gamma \|f\|_{\mathcal{D}_{\gamma, \alpha}}^\alpha}{(d(z))^\gamma},
 \end{aligned}$$



which implies that

$$(3.7) \quad \|D_f(z)\| \leq \frac{M_1}{(d(z))^{q+1}},$$

where  $M_1 = 2^{1+q}\|f\|_{\mathcal{D}_{\gamma,\alpha}}$  and  $q = \frac{\gamma+2n}{\alpha} - 1$ . By (3.7), we know that

$$(3.8) \quad \begin{aligned} |f(z)| &\leq |f(0)| + \left| \int_{[0,z]} df(\varsigma) \right| \leq |f(0)| + \sqrt{2} \int_{[0,z]} \|D_f(\varsigma)\| |d\varsigma| \\ &\leq |f(0)| + \frac{M_2}{(d(z))^q}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $M_2 = M_1\sqrt{2}/q$  and  $[0, z]$  denotes the line segment from 0 to  $z$ .

By (3.8) and Lemma 4, we see that for  $z \in \mathbf{B}^n$ ,

$$(3.9) \quad |f(z)|^{p-2} \leq \left[ |f(0)| + \frac{M_2}{(d(z))^q} \right]^{p-2} \leq 2^{p-2} \left[ |f(0)|^{p-2} + \frac{M_2^{p-2}}{(d(z))^{q(p-2)}} \right],$$

$$(3.10) \quad |f(z)|^{p-1} \leq \left[ |f(0)| + \frac{M_2}{(d(z))^q} \right]^{p-1} \leq 2^{p-1} \left[ |f(0)|^{p-1} + \frac{M_2^{p-1}}{(d(z))^{q(p-1)}} \right]$$

and

$$(3.11) \quad |f(z)|^p \leq \left[ |f(0)| + \frac{M_2}{(d(z))^q} \right]^p \leq 2^p \left[ |f(0)|^p + \frac{M_2^p}{(d(z))^{qp}} \right].$$

Case 1. Let  $p \in [4, \infty)$ . By direct calculations, we get

$$(3.12) \quad \begin{aligned} \Delta(|f|^p) &= p(p-2)|f|^{p-4} \sum_{k=1}^n |f_{z_k} \bar{f} + \overline{f_{z_k}} f|^2 + 2p|f|^{p-2} \|D_f\|^2 + p|f|^{p-2} \operatorname{Re}(f \overline{\Delta f}) \\ &\leq p(p-2)|f|^{p-4} \sum_{k=1}^n |f_{z_k} \bar{f} + \overline{f_{z_k}} f|^2 + 2p|f|^{p-2} \|D_f\|^2 + p|f|^{p-1} |\Delta f| \\ &\leq 2p(p-1)|f|^{p-2} \|D_f\|^2 + pa|f|^{p-1} \|D_f\| + pb|f|^p + pc|f|^{p-1}. \end{aligned}$$

It follows from (3.9), (3.10), (3.11) and (3.12) that

$$(3.13) \quad \begin{aligned} (d(z))^{pq} \Delta(|f|^p) &\leq 2p(p-1)(d(z))^{pq} |f|^{p-2} \|D_f\|^2 \\ &\quad + pa(d(z))^{pq} |f|^{p-1} \|D_f\| + pb(d(z))^{pq} |f|^p \\ &\quad + pc(d(z))^{pq} |f|^{p-1} \\ &= 2p(p-1)(d(z))^{pq-\frac{2\gamma}{\alpha}} |f|^{p-2} \|D_f\|^2 (d(z))^{\frac{2\gamma}{\alpha}} \\ &\quad + pa(d(z))^{pq-\frac{\gamma}{\alpha}} |f|^{p-1} \|D_f\| (d(z))^{\frac{\gamma}{\alpha}} \\ &\quad + pb(d(z))^{pq} |f|^p + pc(d(z))^{pq} |f|^{p-1} \\ &\leq M_3 \|D_f\|^2 (d(z))^{\frac{2\gamma}{\alpha}} + M_4 \|D_f\| (d(z))^{\frac{\gamma}{\alpha}} + M_5, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} M_3 &= 2^{p-1}p(p-1) (|f(0)|^{p-2} + M_2^{p-2}), \\ M_4 &= p2^{p-1} (|f(0)|^{p-1} + M_2^{p-1}) \sup_{z \in \mathbf{B}^n} a(z) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$M_5 = p2^p (|f(0)|^p + M_2^p) \sup_{z \in \mathbf{B}^n} b(z) + pM2^{p-1} (|f(0)|^{p-1} + M_2^{p-1}).$$

By Hölder’s inequality, we obtain

$$(3.14) \quad \int_{\mathbf{B}^n} (d(z))^{\frac{2\gamma}{\alpha}} \|D_f(z)\|^2 dV_N(z) \leq \left( \int_{\mathbf{B}^n} (d(z))^\gamma \|D_f(z)\|^\alpha dV_N(z) \right)^{\frac{2}{\alpha}} \left( \int_{\mathbf{B}^n} dV_N(z) \right)^{1-\frac{2}{\alpha}} \leq \|f\|_{\mathcal{D}_{\gamma,\alpha}}^2,$$

which gives

$$(3.15) \quad \int_{\mathbf{B}^n} (d(z))^{\frac{\gamma}{\alpha}} \|D_f(z)\| dV_N(z) \leq \left( \int_{\mathbf{B}^n} (d(z))^{\frac{2\gamma}{\alpha}} \|D_f(z)\|^2 dV_N(z) \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left( \int_{\mathbf{B}^n} dV_N(z) \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \leq \|f\|_{\mathcal{D}_{\gamma,\alpha}}.$$

It follows from (3.13), (3.14) and (3.15) that

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\mathbf{B}^n} (d(z))^{pq} \Delta(|f(z)|^p) dV_N(z) \\ &= \int_{\mathbf{B}^n} \left[ M_3 \|D_f\|^2 (d(z))^{\frac{2\gamma}{\alpha}} + M_4 \|D_f\| (d(z))^{\frac{\gamma}{\alpha}} + M_5 \right] dV_N(z) \\ &\leq M_3 \|f\|_{\mathcal{D}_{\gamma,\alpha}}^2 + M_4 \|f\|_{\mathcal{D}_{\gamma,\alpha}} + M_5 < \infty. \end{aligned}$$

Case 2. Let  $p \in [2, 4)$ . For  $p \in [2, 4)$ ,  $m \in \{1, 2, \dots\}$  and  $r \in (0, 1)$ , let  $T_m^p = (|f|^2 + \frac{1}{m})^{\frac{p}{2}}$ . Then, by (3.13), (3.14), (3.15) and Lebesgue’s dominated convergence theorem, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{r \rightarrow 1^-} \left\{ \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\mathbf{B}^n(r)} (d(z))^{pq} \Delta(T_m^p(z)) dV_N(z) \right\} \\ &= \lim_{r \rightarrow 1^-} \int_{\mathbf{B}^n(r)} (d(z))^{pq} \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \Delta(T_m^p(z)) dV_N(z) \\ &= \lim_{r \rightarrow 1^-} \int_{\mathbf{B}^n(r)} (d(z))^{pq} \left[ p(p-2)|f(z)|^{p-4} \sum_{k=1}^n |f_{z_k}(z) \overline{f(z)} \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \overline{f_{z_k}(z)} f(z) \right]^2 + 2p|f(z)|^{p-2} \|D_f(z)\|^2 + p|f(z)|^{p-2} \operatorname{Re}(f(z) \overline{\Delta f(z)}) \Big] dV_N(z) \\ &\leq \int_{\mathbf{B}^n} \left( M_3 \|D_f\|^2 (d(z))^{\frac{2\gamma}{\alpha}} + M_4 \|D_f\| (d(z))^{\frac{\gamma}{\alpha}} + M_5 \right) dV_N(z) < \infty. \end{aligned}$$

This concludes the proof of the theorem. □

*Proof of Theorem 5.* Case 1. Let  $n \geq 2$ . Without loss of generality, we may assume that

$$\inf_{z \in \mathbf{B}^n} a_1(z) > 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \inf_{z \in \mathbf{B}^n} b_1(z) > 0.$$

Let  $r_0 \in (0, 1)$  be a constant. Then, by Lemma 2, for  $0 < r_0 \leq r < 1$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 (3.16) \quad M_p^p(r, f) &= |f(0)|^p + \int_{\mathbf{B}^n(r)} \Delta(|f(z)|^p) G_{2n}(z, r) dV_N(z) \\
 &\geq |f(0)|^p + \int_{\mathbf{B}^n(r)} \left( a_1(z) \|D_f(z)\|^{t_1} + b_1(z) |f(z)|^{t_2} + c_1(z) \right) G_{2n}(z, r) dV_N(z) \\
 &\geq |f(0)|^p + \inf_{z \in \mathbf{B}^n} a_1(z) \int_{\mathbf{B}^n(r)} \|D_f(z)\|^{t_1} G_{2n}(z, r) dV_N(z) \\
 &\quad + \inf_{z \in \mathbf{B}^n} b_1(z) \int_{\mathbf{B}^n(r)} |f(z)|^{t_2} G_{2n}(z, r) dV_N(z) \\
 &\quad + \inf_{z \in \mathbf{B}^n} c_1(z) \int_{\mathbf{B}^n(r)} G_{2n}(z, r) dV_N(z) \\
 &= |f(0)|^p + \inf_{z \in \mathbf{B}^n} a_1(z) \int_{\mathbf{B}^n(r_0)} \|D_f(z)\|^{t_1} G_{2n}(z, r) dV_N(z) \\
 &\quad + \inf_{z \in \mathbf{B}^n} a_1(z) \int_{\mathbf{B}^n(r) \setminus \mathbf{B}^n(r_0)} \|D_f(z)\|^{t_1} G_{2n}(z, r) dV_N(z) \\
 &\quad + \inf_{z \in \mathbf{B}^n} b_1(z) \int_{\mathbf{B}^n(r_0)} |f(z)|^{t_2} G_{2n}(z, r) dV_N(z) \\
 &\quad + \inf_{z \in \mathbf{B}^n} b_1(z) \int_{\mathbf{B}^n(r) \setminus \mathbf{B}^n(r_0)} |f(z)|^{t_2} G_{2n}(z, r) dV_N(z) \\
 &\quad + \inf_{z \in \mathbf{B}^n} c_1(z) \int_{\mathbf{B}^n(r)} G_{2n}(z, r) dV_N(z).
 \end{aligned}$$

It is easy to see that, for all  $r \in (0, 1)$ ,

$$(3.17) \quad 0 < \int_{\mathbf{B}^n(r)} G_{2n}(z, r) dV_N(z) < \infty.$$

Since

$$\int_{\mathbf{B}^n(r_0)} \|D_f(z)\|^{t_1} G_{2n}(z, r) dV_N(z) \leq \int_{\mathbf{B}^n(r_0)} \|D_f(z)\|^{t_1} G_{2n}(z, 1) dV_N(z) < \infty$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 \infty &> \int_{\mathbf{B}^n(r) \setminus \mathbf{B}^n(r_0)} \|D_f(z)\|^{t_1} G_{2n}(z, r) dV_N(z) \\
 &= \frac{1}{4n(n-1)} \int_{\mathbf{B}^n(r) \setminus \mathbf{B}^n(r_0)} \frac{(r-|z|) \left( \sum_{k=0}^{2n-3} r^{2n-3-k} |z|^k \right)}{|z|^{2n-2} r^{2n-2}} \|D_f(z)\|^{t_1} dV_N(z) \\
 &\geq \delta(r),
 \end{aligned}$$

which, together with  $f \in \mathcal{H}_g^p(\mathbf{B}^n)$ , (3.16), (3.17) and the monotonicity of  $\delta(r)$ , yield that the limit

$$(3.18) \quad \lim_{r \rightarrow 1^-} \int_{\mathbf{B}^n(r) \setminus \mathbf{B}^n(r_0)} (r-|z|) \|D_f(z)\|^{t_1} dV_N(z)$$

exists, where

$$\delta(r) = \frac{r_0^{2n-3}}{2n} \int_{\mathbf{B}^n(r) \setminus \mathbf{B}^n(r_0)} (r-|z|) \|D_f(z)\|^{t_1} dV_N(z).$$

Then  $f \in \mathcal{D}_{1,t_1}(\mathbf{B}^n)$ .

By using a similar argument as in the proof of (3.18), we see that  $f \in b_{1,t_2}(\mathbf{B}^n)$ .

Case 2. Let  $n = 1$ . In this case, the proof is similar to the proof of the case 2 in Theorem 1. Therefore, proof of the theorem is complete.  $\square$

*Proof of Corollary 1.6.* Without loss of generality, we assume that  $\prod_{k=1}^n \lambda_k \neq 0$ .

Case 1. Let  $p \in [4, \infty)$ . By computations, for  $k \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 (|f|^p)_{z_k \bar{z}_k} &= [(f^{\frac{p}{2}} \bar{f}^{\frac{p}{2}})_{\bar{z}_k}]_{z_k} = \frac{p}{2} \left( f^{\frac{p}{2}-1} f_{\bar{z}_k} \bar{f}^{\frac{p}{2}} + f^{\frac{p}{2}} \bar{f}^{\frac{p}{2}-1} \overline{f_{z_k}} \right)_{z_k} \\
 &= \frac{p}{2} \left( \lambda_k f^{\frac{p}{2}+\frac{\alpha}{2}-1} \bar{f}^{\frac{p}{2}+\frac{\alpha}{2}} + f^{\frac{p}{2}} \bar{f}^{\frac{p}{2}-1} \overline{f_{z_k}} \right)_{z_k} \\
 &= \frac{p}{2} \left[ \lambda_k \left( \frac{p}{2} + \frac{\alpha}{2} - 1 \right) f^{\frac{p}{2}+\frac{\alpha}{2}-2} \bar{f}^{\frac{p}{2}+\frac{\alpha}{2}} f_{z_k} + \lambda_k \left( \frac{p}{2} + \frac{\alpha}{2} \right) |f|^{p+\alpha-2} \overline{f_{z_k}} \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + \frac{p}{2} |f|^{p-2} |f_{z_k}|^2 + \left( \frac{p}{2} - 1 \right) \overline{f_{z_k}} f^{\frac{p}{2}} \bar{f}^{\frac{p}{2}-2} \overline{f_{z_k}} + f^{\frac{p}{2}} \bar{f}^{\frac{p}{2}-1} \overline{f_{z_k \bar{z}_k}} \right] \\
 &= \frac{p}{2} \left[ \lambda_k \left( \frac{p}{2} + \frac{\alpha}{2} - 1 \right) |f|^{p+\alpha-4} f_{z_k} \bar{f}^2 + \lambda_k^2 \left( \frac{p+\alpha}{2} \right) |f|^{p+\alpha-2} |f|^\alpha \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + \frac{p}{2} |f|^{p-2} |f_{z_k}|^2 + \lambda_k \left( \frac{\alpha}{2} + \frac{p}{2} - 1 \right) |f|^{p+\alpha-4} \overline{f_{z_k}} f^2 + \frac{\alpha \lambda_k^2}{2} |f|^{p+2\alpha-2} \right] \\
 &= \frac{p}{2} \left[ \lambda_k \left( \frac{p}{2} + \frac{\alpha}{2} - 1 \right) |f|^{p+\alpha-4} f_{z_k} \bar{f}^2 + \lambda_k \left( \frac{p}{2} + \frac{\alpha}{2} - 1 \right) |f|^{p+\alpha-4} \overline{f_{z_k}} f^2 \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + \lambda_k^2 \left( \alpha + \frac{p}{2} \right) |f|^{p+2\alpha-2} + \frac{p}{2} |f_{z_k}|^2 |f|^{p-2} \right] \\
 &= \frac{p}{2} \left\{ \operatorname{Re} \left[ \lambda_k (p + \alpha - 2) |f|^{p+\alpha-4} f_{z_k} \bar{f}^2 \right] + \lambda_k^2 \left( \alpha + \frac{p}{2} \right) |f|^{p+2\alpha-2} \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + \frac{p}{2} |f_{z_k}|^2 |f|^{p-2} \right\},
 \end{aligned}$$

which implies

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Delta(|f|^p) &= 4 \sum_{k=1}^n (|f|^p)_{z_k \bar{z}_k} = 2p \left\{ \sum_{k=1}^n \operatorname{Re} \left[ \lambda_k (p + \alpha - 2) |f|^{p+\alpha-4} f_{z_k} \bar{f}^2 \right] \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + \sum_{k=1}^n \lambda_k^2 \left( \alpha + \frac{p}{2} \right) |f|^{p+2\alpha-2} + \frac{p}{2} \sum_{k=1}^n |f_{z_k}|^2 |f|^{p-2} \right\}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Delta(|f|^p) &- [4p - (2 - \alpha)^2] |f|^{p+2\alpha-2} \sum_{k=1}^n \lambda_k^2 \\
 &= \sum_{k=1}^n \left\{ \lambda_k^2 [p^2 + 2p(\alpha - 2) + (\alpha - 2)^2] |f|^{p+2\alpha-2} \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + \operatorname{Re} [2p\lambda_k (p + \alpha - 2) |f|^{p+\alpha-4} f_{z_k} \bar{f}^2] + p^2 |f_{z_k}|^2 |f|^{p-2} \right\} \\
 &\geq \sum_{k=1}^n \left\{ \lambda_k^2 (p + \alpha - 2)^2 |f|^{p+2\alpha-2} + p^2 |f_{z_k}|^2 |f|^{p-2} \right. \\
 &\quad \left. - |2p\lambda_k (p + \alpha - 2)| |f|^{p+\alpha-2} |f_{z_k}| \right\} \\
 &= |f|^{p-2} \sum_{k=1}^n (|\lambda_k (p + \alpha - 2)| |f|^\alpha - |p| |f_{z_k}|)^2 \geq 0,
 \end{aligned}$$

which yields

$$(3.19) \quad \Delta(|f|^p) \geq [4p - (2 - \alpha)^2] |f|^{p+2\alpha-2} \sum_{k=1}^n \lambda_k^2.$$

Case 2. Let  $p \in [2, 4)$ . For  $m \in \{1, 2, \dots\}$ , let  $G_m^p = (|f|^2 + \frac{1}{m})^{\frac{p}{2}}$ . Then by Lebesgue's dominated convergence theorem and (3.19), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \Delta(G_m^p) &= \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} 4 \sum_{k=1}^n (G_m^p)_{z_k \bar{z}_k} \\ &= 2p \left\{ \sum_{k=1}^n \operatorname{Re} [\lambda_k (p + \alpha - 2) |f|^{p+\alpha-4} f_{z_k} \bar{f}^2] \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \sum_{k=1}^n \lambda_k^2 \left( \alpha + \frac{p}{2} \right) |f|^{p+2\alpha-2} + \frac{p}{2} \sum_{k=1}^n |f_{z_k}|^2 |f|^{p-2} \right\} \\ &\geq [4p - (2 - \alpha)^2] |f|^{p+2\alpha-2} \sum_{k=1}^n \lambda_k^2. \end{aligned}$$

Applying Theorem 5, we conclude that  $f \in b_{1,\vartheta}(\mathbf{B}^n)$ , where  $\vartheta = p + 2\alpha - 2$ . The proof of the Corollary is complete.  $\square$

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