HARDY SPACES AND PARTIAL DERIVATIVES
OF CONJUGATE HARMONIC FUNCTIONS

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Abstract. In this paper we give necessary and sufficient conditions for a
harmonic vector and all its partial derivatives to belong to
$H^p(R^{n+1}_+)$ for all $p > 0$.

1. Introduction and statements of main results

In this article we study the following problem: what can we say about conju-
gate harmonic functions in $R^{n+1}_+ = R^n \times (0, \infty)$, provided we are given certain
restrictions, imposed on partial derivatives of a harmonic vector $F$,
$$F = (U(x, y), V_1(x, y), V_2(x, y), \ldots, V_n(x, y)), \quad (x, y) \in R^{n+1}_+.$$ We refer the reader to the classical works [11], [3], [13], [15], [5], [2], [4], [16] for
the history and different results related to this problem and the classes $S^p(R^{n+1}_+)$,
h$^p(R^{n+1}_+)$, $H^p(R^{n+1}_+)$ (all definitions are given in Section 2).

We give necessary and sufficient conditions for a harmonic vector and all its
partial derivatives up to the order $k$ to belong to $H^p(R^{n+1}_+)$, $p > 0$. Our main
result is

Theorem 1. Let $0 < p < q$. The harmonic vector $F = (U, V_1, \ldots, V_n)$ and all its
partial derivatives of order $\leq k$ belong to $H^r$, $p \leq r \leq q$, if and only if

$$1) \quad M_p(y + 1, F) \leq C,$$
$$2) \quad \int_{R^n} \left( \sup_{\eta \geq y} |D^n_{n+1} U(x, \eta)| \right)^q dx \leq C.$$ 

The case $p < (n - 1)/n$ leads to additional technical difficulties, since $|F|^p$ is
subharmonic, provided $p \geq (n - 1)/n$, [13]. One of the methods of the proof is the
application of classes $S^p(R^{n+1}_+)$ together with the Lagrange mean-value theorem.
We also use the boundary behaviour of the conjugate harmonic functions. We note
that the first condition in (1) is natural, not only due to the decomposition of the
function into two parts, “$S^p(R^{n+1}_+)$” and “$H^p(R^{n+1}_+)$” (see Section 3, proof of
Theorem [5], but in fact, it, together with the second condition, implies $M_p(y + y_0, F) \leq C(y_0) \forall y_0 > 0$ (see Section 4, Lemma [4]).

The paper is organized as follows. In Section 2 we give all necessary definitions
and auxiliary results used in the sequel. Section 3 is devoted to the results needed
for the proof of Theorem 4.1 and in Section 4 we prove Theorem 4.4. For convenience of the reader we split our proofs into elementary lemmata.

2. Auxiliary results

We begin with the definition of the classes \( SP(R_{n+1}^+) \) and \( h^p(R_{n+1}^+) \).

Let \( U(x, y) \) be a harmonic function in \( R_{n+1}^+ = R^n \times (0, \infty) \). We say that the vector function \( V(x, y) = (V_1(x, y), ..., V_n(x, y)) \) is the conjugate of \( U(x, y) \) in the sense of M. Riesz [12, 14], if \( V_k(x, y), k = 1, ..., n \) are harmonic functions, satisfying the generalized Cauchy-Riemann conditions:

\[
\frac{\partial U}{\partial y} + \sum_{k=1}^{n} \frac{\partial V_k}{\partial x_k} = 0, \quad \frac{\partial V_i}{\partial x_k} = \frac{\partial V_k}{\partial x_i}, \quad \frac{\partial U}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial V_i}{\partial y}, \quad i \neq k, \ k = 1, ..., n.
\]

If \( U(x, y) \) and \( V(x, y) \) are conjugate in \( R_{n+1}^+ \) in the above sense, then the vector function

\[
F(x, y) = (U(x, y), V(x, y)) = (U(x, y), V_1(x, y), ..., V_n(x, y))
\]

is called a harmonic vector.

Define

\[
M_p(y) = M_p(y, F) = \{ \int_{R^n} |F(x, y)|^p dx \}^{1/p}, \quad p > 0.
\]

**Definition ([11, 27]).** We say that \( F(x, y) \in SP(R_{n+1}^+) \), \( p > 0 \) if for any \( y_0 > 0 \) there exists a constant \( C(y_0, F) \) such that \( \forall y \geq y_0, M_p(y, F) \leq C(y_0) \). In particular, if \( C \) is independent of \( y_0 \), then \( F(x, y) \in h^p(R_{n+1}^+) \).

Now we define the space \( H^p(R_{n+1}^+) \). We follow the work of Fefferman and Stein [4]. Let \( U(x, y) \) be a harmonic function in \( R_{n+1}^+ \), and let \( U_{j_1j_2...j_k}(x, y) \) denote a component of a symmetric tensor of rank \( k \), \( 0 \leq j_i \leq n, i = 1, ..., n \). Suppose also that the trace of our tensor is zero, meaning

\[
\sum_{j=0}^{n} U_{jjj...j_k}(x, y) = 0, \quad \forall j_3, ..., j_k.
\]

The tensor of rank \( k+1 \) can be obtained from the above tensor of rank \( k \) by passing to its gradient:

\[
U_{j_1j_2...j_kj_{k+1}}(x, y) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{j_{k+1}}} (U_{j_1j_2...j_k}(x, y)), \quad \forall j_3, ..., j_k, x_0 = y, \ 0 \leq j_{k+1} \leq n.
\]

**Definition ([4]).** We say that \( U(x, y) \in H^p(R_{n+1}^+) \), \( p > 0 \), if there exists a tensor of rank \( k \) of the above type with the properties:

\[
U_{0...0}(x, y) = U_0(x, y), \quad \sup_{y > 0} \int_{R^n} \left( \sum_{(j)} U_{(j)}^2(x, y) \right)^{p/2} dx < \infty, \quad (j) = (j_1, ..., j_k).
\]

It is well known that the function \( \left( \sum_{(j)} U_{(j)}^2(x, y) \right)^{p/2} \) is subharmonic for \( p \geq p_k = (n - k)/(n + k - 1) \); see [3, 4, 13].
We will use the “radial” and nontangential maximal functions:

\[ F^+(x) = \sup_{y > 0} |F(x, y)|, \quad N_\alpha(F)(x^0) = \sup_{(x, y) \in \Gamma_\alpha(x^0)} |F(x, y)|. \]

Here

\[ \Gamma_\alpha(x^0) = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}_{+}^{n+1} : |x - x^0| < \alpha y\}, \quad \alpha > 0, \]

is an infinite cone with vertex at \( x^0 \). It is well known [4] that

\[ F(x, y) \in H^p(\mathbb{R}_{+}^{n+1}) \iff N_\alpha(F)(x) \in L^p \iff F^+(x) \in L^p, \quad p > 0. \]

We also define the weak maximal function

\[ WF(x, y) = \sup_{\zeta \geq y} |F(x, \zeta)|, \quad y > 0. \]

The above expression is understood as follows: we fix \( x \), and for fixed \( y \) we find the supremum over all \( \zeta \geq y \).

We will repeatedly use the following results.

**Lemma 1** ([4], p. 173). Suppose \( u(x, y) \) is harmonic in \( \mathbb{R}_{+}^{n+1} \), and for some \( p, 0 < p < \infty \),

\[ \sup_{y > 0} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |u(x, y)|^p \, dx < \infty. \]

Then

\[ (2) \quad \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} |u(x, y)| \leq Ay^{-n/p}, \quad 0 < y < \infty. \]

**Theorem 2** ([5], p. 268). Let \( 0 < p \leq 1, \ k \in \mathbb{N}, \) and let \( u : \mathbb{R}_{+}^{n+1} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \) be a harmonic function such that

\[ u(x, t) \Rightarrow x \quad \text{as} \quad t \rightarrow \infty 0, \quad K_{k,p} \equiv \int_{\mathbb{R}_{+}^{n+1}} i^{kp-1} |D_{n+1}^k u(x, t)|^p \, dx \, dt < C. \]

Then \( u(x, 0) = \lim_{t \to 0^+} u(x, t) \) exists for almost all \( x \in \mathbb{R}^n \), and for all \( t \geq 0 \),

\[ \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |u(x, t)|^p \, dx \leq AC(k, n, p)K_{k,p}. \]

**Theorem 3** ([5], p. 269). Let \( m \in \mathbb{N}, \ p \geq (n-1)/(m+n-1) \) (if \( n = 1 \) we suppose \( p > 0 \)), and let \( u : \mathbb{R}_{+}^{n+1} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \) be harmonic. Then, for all \( t > 0 \),

\[ \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |\nabla^m u(x, t)|^p \, dx \leq A(m, n, p)t^{-mp^{-1}} \int_{t/2}^{3t/2} ds \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |u(x, t)|^p \, dx. \]

**Corollary 1** ([5], p. 270). Let \( p, m \) be as in **Theorem 3** let \( b > 0 \), and let \( u : \mathbb{R}_{+}^{n+1} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \) be a harmonic function such that for all \( t > 0 \),

\[ \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |u(x, t)|^p \, dx \leq Ct^{-b}. \]

Then

\[ \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |\nabla^m u(x, t)|^p \, dx \leq A(b, m, n, p)Ct^{-b-mp} \quad (t > 0). \]
In fact, the choice of \( p \) in Theorem 2 and Corollary 1 may be independent of \( m \) (see Lemma 2).

**Theorem 4 (II).** Let \( p > 0 \) and let \( F(x, y) = (U, V_1, ..., V_n) \) be a harmonic vector satisfying
\[
(3) \quad 1) \, V_i(x, y) \xrightarrow{\gamma \to -\infty} 0, \quad i = 1, ..., n, \quad 2) \, M_p(y, U) \leq C, \quad 3) \, |U| \leq C.
\]
Then \( F \in H^r, \, r > p \).

**Notation.** We denote by \( D_i^k f(x, y) \) the partial derivative of the function \( f \) of order \( k \) with respect to \( x_i, \, i = 1, 2, ..., n+1 \). \( M(f)(x) \) denotes the usual Hardy-Littlewood maximal function of \( f(x) \). The notation \( f(x, y) \xrightarrow{\gamma \to -\infty} 0 \) means that \( f(x, y) \) converges to 0 uniformly with respect to \( x \), provided \( y \to \infty \), \( \nabla^k f(x) = (\frac{\partial^k f(x)}{\partial x_1^k}, ..., \frac{\partial^k f(x)}{\partial x_n^k}) \). Everywhere below the constants \( A(k, n), C, K \) depend only on the parameters pointed out in parentheses and may be different from time to time.

3. Auxiliary lemmata for the proof of Theorem 1

The main results of this section are Theorem 5 and Theorem 7. Our first auxiliary result shows that in Theorem 3 and Corollary 1 the choice of \( m \in \mathbb{N} \). We include it here for the convenience of the reader.

**Lemma 2.** Let \( p > 0 \) and let \( F = (U, V_1, ..., V_n) \) be such that \( V_i \xrightarrow{\gamma \to -\infty} 0, \quad i = 1, ..., n, \quad M_p(y, U) \leq C \). Then
\[
M_p(y, \nabla^k F) \leq A C y^{-k}, \quad k \in \mathbb{N}.
\]

**Proof.** By induction on \( k \). Let \( k = 1 \). Fix \( p > 0 \) and let \( l = \inf\{j \in \mathbb{N} : p \geq (n-1)/(j + n - 1)\} \). Let \( \phi_{ij}(x, y) \) be a coordinate of \( \nabla V_i(x, y) \), \( j = 1, ..., n+1 \), \( x_{n+1} = y, \, i = 0, ..., n, \, V_0 = U \). Since \( \nabla V_i(x, y) \xrightarrow{\gamma \to -\infty} 0 \), we may use the following relation (see [5] or [4]):
\[
\phi_{ij}(x, y) = \frac{1}{(2l - 2)!} \int_0^\infty (s - y)^{2l-2} D_{n+1}^{2l-1} \phi_{ij}(x, s) ds
\]
\[
= \frac{1}{(2l - 2)!} \int_0^\infty s^{2l-2} D_{n+1}^{2l-1} \phi_{ij}(x, s + y) ds.
\]
We have \( |\phi_{ij}(x, y)| \leq h_{ij}(x, y) \), where
\[
h_{ij}(x, y) = \frac{1}{(2l - 2)!} \int_0^\infty s^{2l-2} |\nabla \nabla D_{n+1}^{2l-1} \phi_{ij}(x, s + y)|^p ds.
\]

Theorem 3 of [5] implies (take \( w = \nabla \nabla D_{n+1}^{l-1} \phi_{ij}, \quad a = 2l - 1, \quad A = A(l, n, p), \))
\[
\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |\phi_{ij}(x, y)|^p dx \leq \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |h_{ij}(x, y)|^p dx \leq A \int_0^\infty s^{2(l-1)p - 1} ds \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |\nabla \nabla D_{n+1}^{l-1} \phi_{ij}(x, s + y)|^p dx.
\]
Since \( D_{n+1}^{l-1} \phi_{ij}(x, y) \) is the \( l \)-th derivative of \( V_i \), we use Theorem 3 to get
\[
\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |\nabla \nabla D_{n+1}^{l-1} \phi_{ij}(x, y)|^p dx \leq \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |\nabla \nabla F(x, y)|^p dx \leq C y^{-2p}.
\]
This gives
\[
\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |\phi_{ij}(x, y)|^p \, dx \leq A(l, n, p)C \int_0^\infty s^{(2l-1)p-1}(s + y)^{-2lp} \, ds = A(l, n, p)Cy^{-p},
\]
and the first induction step is proved.
Assume that the statement is true for \(k - 1\). Then \(M_p(y, \nabla^{k-1} F) \leq ACy^{-(k-1)}\). To prove it for \(k\) we define \(l\) as above and apply Corollary [1] with \(b = k - 1, m = 1, u = \nabla^{k-1} F\).

**Lemma 3.** Let \(D_i U \Rightarrow y \rightarrow \infty 0, i = 1, \ldots, n\), and let
\[
M_p(y, D_{n+1} U) \leq Cy^{-1}
\]
for some \(p > 0\). Then
\[
\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \left( \sup_{y > 0} |D_{n+1} U(x, y + y_0)| \right)^p \, dx \leq AC, \quad \forall y_0 > 0, \quad A = A(n, p, y_0).
\]

**Proof.** Let \(p > 1\). Then (see [12])
\[
\| \sup_{y > 0} |D_{n+1} U(x, y + y_0)| \|_p \leq CM_p(y + y_0, D_{n+1} U) \leq AC, \quad A = A(n, p, y_0).
\]
Now let \(0 < p \leq 1\). Assume that
\[
\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \sup_{y > 0} |D_{n+1} U(x, y + y_0)| \, dx = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \sup_{y > 0} \int_0^\infty s^{p-1} |\nabla^2 U(x, s + y_0)|^p \, ds \, dx < \infty.
\]
Then Lemma [2] Theorem [2] (with \(D_{n+1} U\) instead of \(u\) and \(k = 1\)), and the tensor representation of \(D_{n+1} U\) from [3], imply that \(D_{n+1} U(x, y + y_0) \in H^p\). This gives [5].

Thus, we have to show (7). By Theorem [3] (5) yields
\[
M_p(y, \nabla^2 U) \leq ACy^{-2}.
\]
Then, the first integral in the right-hand side of (7) is finite, since
\[
M_p(y + y_0, \nabla^2 U) \leq AC(y + y_0)^{-2} \leq AC(y_0), \quad \forall y_0 > 0.
\]
On the other hand,
\[
\int_1^\infty s^{p-1} ds \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |\nabla^2 U(x, s + y_0)|^p \, dx \leq AC \int_1^\infty s^{p-1}(s + y_0)^{-2p} \, ds \leq AC(y_0) < \infty.
\]

Let \(V_i\) be components of the harmonic vector \(F = (U, V_1, \ldots, V_n)\). By the mean-value theorem,
\[
V_i(x, y) = V_i(x, y + 1) - D_{n+1} V_i(x, y + \theta_i), \quad 0 < \theta_i(x, y) < 1.
\]

**Lemma 4.** Let \(F = (U, V_1, \ldots, V_n) \in H^p\) and let \(\theta_i\) be as in [13], \(i = 0, \ldots, n\). Then
\[
\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \left( \sup_{y > 0} |D_i U(x, y + \theta_i)| \right)^q \, dx \leq AC.
\]
Proof. We have

\[
\begin{align*}
(11) \quad & \sup_{y>0} |V_i(x,y)| \leq \sup_{y>0} |V_i(x,y+1)| + \sup_{y>0} |D_{n+1}V_i(x,y + \theta_i)|, \\
(12) \quad & \sup_{y>0} |D_{n+1}V_i(x,y + \theta_i)| \leq 2F^+(x),
\end{align*}
\]

where \( i = 0, \ldots, n, \ V_0 = U \). Then, (12) implies that

\[
\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \left( \sup_{y>0} |D_{n+1}V_i(x,y + \theta_i)| \right)^q \, dx \leq AC.
\]

To get the desired result we apply the Cauchy-Riemann equations \( D_i U(x,y) = D_{n+1}V_i(x,y) \).

In the following result we observe that \( \theta_i > 0 \) on a set, controlled by estimate (2). Then we use the fact that under conditions (14) the supremum \( \sup_{y>0} |F(x,y)| \) is attained at the boundary.

**Theorem 5.** Let \( 0 < p < q \) and let \( F = (U, V_1, \ldots, V_n) \) be a harmonic vector in \( \mathbb{R}^{n+1}_+ \). Then \( F \in H^p \), provided

\[
\begin{align*}
(14) \quad & 1) \ M_p(y+1, F) \leq C, \quad 2) \ M_p(y, D_{n+1}U) \leq Cy^{-1}, \quad 3) \ F \in H^q.
\end{align*}
\]

Moreover, \( F \in H^p \forall r, p \leq r \leq q, \) if and only if conditions (14) are valid.

**Proof.** We prove at first that (14) implies \( F \in H^p \). Let \( \theta_i \) be as in (9). Due to 2), (10), and 1), it is enough to show that \( \sup_{y>0} |D_{n+1}V_i(\cdot, y + \theta_i(\cdot, y))| \in L^p(\mathbb{R}^n) \). This will follow from the Cauchy-Riemann equations and

\[
\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \left( \sup_{y>0} |D_i U(x,y + \theta_i(x,y))| \right)^p \, dx < \infty.
\]

Thus, we prove (15). Condition 3) and Lemma 4 imply that

\[
\sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} |D_i U(x,y + \theta_i)| \leq \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} \frac{AC}{(y + \theta_i)^{1+n/q}} \leq AC(y + c_i)^{-1-n/q},
\]

where \( c_i(y) = \inf_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} \theta_i(x,y) \). Define

\[
L_i = \{ x \in \mathbb{R}^n : \sup_{y>0} |D_i U(x,y + \theta_i)| \leq \sup_{y>0} \frac{AC}{(y + c_i)^{1+n/q}} \leq 1 \}.
\]

Then \( \forall x \in CL_i \) (the complement of \( L_i \)) we have \( \sup_{y>0} |D_i U(x,y + \theta_i)| > 1 \). Then

\[
\int_{CL_i} \left( \sup_{y>0} |D_i U(x,y + \theta_i(x,y))| \right)^p \, dx \leq \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \left( \sup_{y>0} |D_i U(x,y + \theta_i(x,y))| \right)^q \, dx \leq AC
\]

due to condition 3) and Lemma 4.

We estimate the integral in (16) over \( L_i \). Observe that for fixed \( x \in L_i \),

\[
\sup_{y>0} |D_i U(x,y + \theta_i(x,y))| \leq \sup_{y>0} |D_i U(x,y + c_i(y))|,
\]
and \( \alpha_i \equiv \inf_{y>0} \alpha_i(y) > 0 \). We put \( \gamma = \min_{i=0,\ldots,n} \alpha_i > 0 \), and take any \( 0 < y_0 \leq \gamma \). Then

\[
(\text{19}) \quad \int_{R^n} \left( \sup_{y>0} |D_i U(x,y + \theta_i(x,y))| \right)^p dx \leq \int_{R^n} \left( \sup_{y>0} |\nabla U(x,y)| \right)^p dx \leq AC.
\]

Indeed, condition 3) and Theorem 3 imply that \( V_i(x,y) \to \mathbb{R}^+ \) as \( y \to \infty \). The same is true for all partial derivatives of \( V_i \), \( i = 0,\ldots,n \), \( V_0 = U \). Now the second inequality in (19) follows from 2) and Lemma 2. Taking into account (19), (18), we get (15). Thus, \( F \in H^p \).

Now, \( F \in H^r \forall r : p \leq r \leq q \), implies (13) by Theorem 2. We prove the converse statement. It is enough to show that \( F \in H^p \), or \( (\sup |F(x,y)|)^p \in L^1(R^n) \). Since \( F \in H^p \), we apply the Fatou Lemma to obtain

\[
(\text{20}) \quad \int_{R^n} |F(x,0)|^p dx = \int_{R^n} \left( \lim_{y \to 0} |F(x,y)| \right)^p dx \leq \lim_{y \to 0} M_p(y,F) \leq C.
\]

We claim that \( \sup_{y>0} |F(x,y)| = |F(x,0)| \) and our result follows from (20). Since for fixed \( x_0 \in R^n \) the function \( WF(x_0,y) \equiv \sup_{\eta \geq y} |F(x_0,\eta)| \) is nonincreasing in \( y \), we have

\[
\sup_{y>0} |F(x_0,y)| = \sup_{y>0} \sup_{\eta \geq y} |F(x_0,\eta)| = \limsup_{y \to 0} |F(x_0,\eta)| = |F(x_0,0)|.
\]

Even if \( \sup_{y>0} |F(x,y)| = |F(x_0,y_0)| \) for some \( y_0 > 0 \), then \( WF(x_0,y) = WF(x_0,y_0) \) for all \( 0 \leq y \leq y_0 \), and we may put \( |F(x_0,y)| = |F(x_0,0)| \). \( \square \)

**Theorem 6.** Let \( 0 < p < q \), \( k \in \mathbb{N} \), and let \( F = (U,V_1,\ldots,V_n) \) be a harmonic vector in \( R^{n+1}_+ \). Then \( F \in H^r \forall r, p \leq r \leq q \), if and only if

\[
(\text{21}) \quad 1) \quad M_p(y+1,F) \leq C, \quad 2) \quad M_p(y,D^k_{n+1}U) \leq Cy^{-k}, \quad 3) \quad F \in H^q.
\]

**Proof.** By Corollary 1 and the inverse statement, proved in 9, conditions (14), (21) are equivalent. \( \square \)

**Theorem 7.** Let \( p > 0 \) and let \( F = (U,V_1,\ldots,V_n) \) be a harmonic vector in \( R^{n+1}_+ \) such that

\[
(\text{22}) \quad 1) \quad M_p(y+1,F) \leq C, \quad 2) \quad M_p(y,U) \leq C, \quad 3) \quad |U(x,y)| \leq C.
\]

Then \( F \in H^r \), \( r \geq p \).

**Proof.** By Theorem 2 we have \( F \in H^r \), \( r > p \). Let \( r = p \). By Lemma 2 and Theorem 3 we have \( M_p(y,\nabla U) \leq Cy^{-k} \), and we may use Theorem 6. \( \square \)

**Lemma 5.** Let \( 0 < p < q \) and let \( F = (U,V_1,\ldots,V_n) \) be a harmonic vector in \( R^{n+1}_+ \) such that

\[
(\text{23}) \quad 1) \quad M_p(y+1,F) \leq C, \quad 2) \quad \int_{R^n} \left( \sup_{\eta \geq y} |D_{n+1}U(x,\eta)| \right)^q dx \leq C.
\]

Then \( F \in H^q \).
Proof. By the mean-value theorem,
\[ \sup_{y>0} |U(x, y)| \leq \sup_{y>0} |U(x, y + 1)| + \sup_{y>0} \left| \nabla U(x, y) \right|, \]
and it is enough to show that \((\sup_{y>0} |U(x, y + 1)|) \in L^1\). To prove this, we apply Theorem 3 to the mean-value theorem again,
\[ |U(x, y + 1)| \leq |U(x, y + 2)| + \sup_{y>0} \left| \nabla_{n+1} U(x, y + 1 + \theta) \right|, \]
and observe that the conditions of Theorem 7 are satisfied with \(y + 1\) instead of \(y\). \(\square\)

4. Proof of Theorem 1

Lemma 6. Let \(k \in \mathbb{N}, 0 < p < q\) and let \(F = (U, V_1, ..., V_n)\) be a harmonic vector in \(\mathbb{R}^{n+1}_+\). Then \(F\) and all its partial derivatives up to order \(k\) belong to \(H^r\), \(p \leq r \leq q\), if and only if

\[
\begin{align*}
&1) \quad M_p(y + y_0, F) \leq C(y_0) \quad \forall y_0 > 0, \\
&2) \quad \left( \sup_{\eta \leq y} \left| D_{n+1}^k U(x, \eta) \right| \right)^q \, dx \leq C.
\end{align*}
\]

Proof. The only if part is trivial. We prove if by induction. Let \(k = 1\). We show at first that \(F \in H^r, p \leq r \leq q\). By Lemma 5 we have \(F \in H^q\), and it is enough to show that \(F \in H^p\). To this end, we apply the mean-value theorem and repeat the proof of Theorem 3 beginning with (15). As in Theorem 5 we define \(L_i\) (see (17)), and (18) follows from 2). The last estimate in (19) follows from Theorem 3 and Lemma 7. Conditions (22) are satisfied with \(\nabla U\) instead of \(F\), \(D_{n+1} U\) instead of \(U\), and \(y + y_0\) instead of \(y\).

To show that all partial derivatives of the first order belong to \(H^r\), \(p \leq r \leq q\), one has to proceed as above by changing \(\nabla U\) by \(\nabla^2 U\), and \(D_{n+1}^2 U\) by \(D_{n+1} U\).

Assume that the statement is true for \(k - 1\), and we have to prove it for \(k\). By Theorem 3 we have 1) with \(D_{n+1}^{k-1} U\) instead of \(F\), and the result follows. \(\square\)

Lemma 7. The conditions of the theorem are equivalent to the conditions of the previous lemma.

Proof. It is enough to prove that \(M_p(y + 1, F) \leq C\) and 2) of (24) imply 1) of (24). This will follow from \(F \in H^q\). Since \(V_i(x, y) \to y_{-\infty} 0, i = 1, ..., n\), it is enough to show that \(U \in H^q\). We will subsequently show that all \(D_{n+1}^{k-1} U, D_{n+1}^{k-2} U, ..., U \in H^q\). In fact, we prove that \(D_{n+1}^{k-1} U \in H^q\). The proof of \(D_{n+1}^{k-2} U, ..., U \in H^q\) is similar.

Observe that \(D_{n+1}^{k-1} U \in H^q\) follows from \(D_{n+1}^{k-1} U \in h^q\). Indeed, let \(D_{n+1}^{k-1} U \in h^q\). By the mean-value theorem we have
\[
\sup_{y>0} \left| D_{n+1}^{k-1} U(x, y) \right| \leq \sup_{y>0} \left| D_{n+1}^{k-1} U(x, y + 1) \right| + \sup_{y>0} \left| D_{n+1}^k U(x, y) \right|,
\]
and we may apply Lemma 7 (with \(p = q\), \(D_{n+1}^{k-1} U(x, y + 1)\) instead of \(U(x, y)\), \(\nabla^{k-1} F\) instead of \(F\)) to obtain
\[
\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \left( \sup_{y>0} \left| D_{n+1}^{k-1} U(x, y + 1) \right| \right)^p \, dx < \infty.
\]
The assumption $D^k_{n+1} U \in h^q$ and Lemma 1 are used to satisfy the third condition of Lemma 7. The above inequality gives $D^k_{n+1} U \in H^q$. Thus, it remains to prove that $D^k_{n+1} U(x, y) \in h^q$. By the mean-value theorem,

$$|D^k_{n+1} U(x, y)| \leq |D^k_{n+1} U(x, y + 1)| + \sup_{y > 0} |D^k_{n+1} U(x, y)|,$$

and it is enough to prove that $D^k_{n+1} U(x, y + 1) \in h^q$. Again, by the mean-value theorem,

$$|D^k_{n+1} U(x, y + 1)| \leq |D^k_{n+1} U(x, y + 1)| + \sup_{y > 0} |D^k_{n+1} U(x, y)|,$$

but now we may use the assumption $M_p(y + 1, F) \leq C$ to show that for $r \geq p$, $M_p(y + 2, D^k_{n+1} U) \leq C$. To this end, we apply Theorem 3, Lemma 1, and take $y + 1$ instead of $y$.

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