

WEIGHTED SPACES OF HOLOMORPHIC FUNCTIONS ON THE UPPER HALFPLANE

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Abstract

We discuss weighted spaces $Hv(\mathbb{G})$ of holomorphic functions on the upper halfplane \mathbb{G} where $v(w) = v(i \operatorname{Im} w)$, $w \in \mathbb{G}$, $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} v(it) = 0$ and $v(it)$ is increasing in t . We characterize those weights v with moderate growth where $Hv(\mathbb{G})$ is isomorphic to l_∞ and we show that this is never the case if v is bounded.

1. Introduction

Let $O \subset \mathbb{C}$ be an open subset and $v : O \rightarrow [0, \infty[$ a given function. Then we consider, for $f : O \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$, the weighted sup-norm

$$\|f\|_v = \sup_{z \in O} |f(z)|v(z)$$

and the spaces

$$Hv(O) = \{f : O \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \text{ holomorphic} : \|f\|_v < \infty\}$$

and

$$Hv_0(O) = \{f \in Hv(O) : |f(z)|v(z) \text{ vanishes at } \infty\}.$$

(Here $|f|v$ vanishes at ∞ if for any $\epsilon > 0$ there is a compact subset $K \subset O$ such that $|f(z)|v(z) < \epsilon$ for all $z \in O \setminus K$.)

Assume that $\lim_{\operatorname{dist}(z, \partial O) \rightarrow 0} v(z) = 0$, $v(z) > 0$ for all $z \in O$ and v is continuous. Then, for a holomorphic function f , $f \in Hv(O)$ is equivalent to the growth condition $|f(z)| = O(1/v(z))$ as $\operatorname{dist}(z, \partial O) \rightarrow 0$ while $f \in Hv_0(O)$ is equivalent to $|f(z)| = o(1/v(z))$ as $\operatorname{dist}(z, \partial O) \rightarrow 0$.

There is a large number of publications which deal with radial weights v on $\mathbb{D} = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| < 1\}$ where $v(z) = v(|z|)$, $z \in \mathbb{D}$, and v satisfies in addition $v(t) \leq v(s)$ if $0 \leq s \leq t < 1$ and $\lim_{t \rightarrow 1} v(t) = 0$. Of particular interest here are weights with moderate decay, i.e. which satisfy the condition (U) of Shields and Williams ([12], [13], [14]). (U) is equivalent to $\sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} v(1 - 2^{-n})/v(1 -$

$2^{-n-1}) < \infty$ (see [4]). In [10] it was shown that for such weights $Hv(\mathbb{D})$ is isomorphic to l_∞ if and only if $\inf_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} v(1 - 2^{-n-k})/v(1 - 2^{-n}) < 1$. The latter condition corresponds to condition (L) of Shields and Williams ([4], [12], [13], [14]). It turns out that even without (U) the Banach space $Hv(\mathbb{D})$ is always isomorphic either to l_∞ or to H_∞ , the space of all bounded holomorphic functions endowed with the sup-norm ([11]). Weights on \mathbb{D} which satisfy both (U) and (L) are called normal weights. They have been studied extensively.

Inspired by these results about radial weights on \mathbb{D} we consider in this paper the upper halfplane $\mathbb{G} = \{w \in \mathbb{C} : \text{Im } w > 0\}$ and investigate the following class of weights.

DEFINITION 1.1. (i) Let v be a continuous function on \mathbb{G} satisfying $v(w) > 0$ for all $w \in \mathbb{G}$. Assume that v satisfies

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow 0} v(ir) = 0 \text{ and } v(w_1) \leq v(w_2) \text{ whenever } 0 < \text{Im}(w_1) \leq \text{Im}(w_2).$$

Then v is called a *standard weight*.

(ii) A standard weight v on \mathbb{G} satisfies *condition* (\star) if

$$\sup_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \frac{v(2^{k+1}i)}{v(2^k i)} < \infty.$$

A standard weight always satisfies $v(w) = v(i \text{Im } w)$ for all $w \in \mathbb{G}$ which is a consequence of the definition.

In contrast to radial weights on \mathbb{D} very little is known about standard weights v on \mathbb{G} . We mention Stanev's result ([15]) that there exists some $b \in \mathbb{R}$ with $v(it) \leq e^{bt}$, $t > 0$, if and only if $Hv(\mathbb{G}) \neq \{0\}$. This is always the case if (\star) holds. $Hv_0(\mathbb{G})$ is always isomorphic to a subspace of c_0 ([3]). Moreover, if v is a bounded standard weight on \mathbb{G} then $Hv_0(\mathbb{G})$ has a Schauder basis ([1]). Finally, with the methods of [2] one can show that $Hv_0(\mathbb{G})^{**}$ is isometrically isomorphic to $Hv(\mathbb{G})$ (see [5]). (The results of [1], [3], [5], [15] even hold for a larger class of weights.)

In our paper we want to contribute to the isomorphic classification of $Hv(\mathbb{G})$ and $Hv_0(\mathbb{G})$. We show

THEOREM 1.2. *Let v be a standard weight on \mathbb{G} satisfying (\star) . Then the following are equivalent*

- (i) $Hv(\mathbb{G})$ is isomorphic to l_∞
- (ii) $Hv_0(\mathbb{G})$ is isomorphic to c_0

(iii) v also satisfies $(\star\star)$:

$$\inf_{n \in \mathbf{N}} \sup_{k \in \mathbf{Z}} \frac{v(2^k i)}{v(2^{k+n} i)} < 1.$$

EXAMPLE. Let $\beta > 0 > \gamma$ and put

$$\begin{aligned} v_1(w) &= (\operatorname{Im}(w))^\beta, \\ v_2(w) &= \min(v_1(w), 1), \\ v_3(w) &= \begin{cases} (1 - \log(\operatorname{Im}(w)))^\gamma & \text{if } \operatorname{Im}(w) \leq 1 \\ \operatorname{Im} w & \text{if } \operatorname{Im}(w) > 1. \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

All these weights are standard weights. v_1 satisfies (\star) and $(\star\star)$ while v_2 and v_3 satisfy only (\star) .

We immediately get:

COROLLARY 1.3. *If v is a bounded standard weight on \mathbf{G} satisfying (\star) then $Hv(\mathbf{G})$ is never isomorphic to l_∞ .*

The conditions (\star) and $(\star\star)$ resemble the conditions for normal radial weights u on \mathbf{D} , see [4], [10], [12], [13], [14] and Lemma 1.6 below. However if we consider a Möbius transform $\alpha : \mathbf{D} \rightarrow \mathbf{G}$ then $v \circ \alpha$ is non-radial on \mathbf{D} and we do not have $\lim_{|z| \rightarrow 1} (v \circ \alpha)(z) = 0$. Therefore it is not possible to derive Theorem 1.2 directly from the corresponding results of radial weights on \mathbf{D} .

The main ingredients of the proof of Theorem 1.2 are the following

PROPOSITION 1.4. *Let v be a standard weight on \mathbf{G} and put*

$$\begin{aligned} v_n(w) &= v\left(\frac{4 \operatorname{Im} w}{\left(\left|\frac{w}{n} + i\right| + \left|\frac{w}{n} - i\right|\right)^2} i\right), \quad w \in \mathbf{G}, \\ u_n(z) &= v\left(n \frac{1 - |z|}{1 + |z|} i\right), \quad z \in \mathbf{D}, \quad n \in \mathbf{N}. \end{aligned}$$

Then $v_n(w) \uparrow v(w)$, $w \in \mathbf{G}$, and $Hv_n(\mathbf{G})$ is isometrically isomorphic to $Hu_n(\mathbf{D})$. Moreover, u_n is a radial weight on \mathbf{D} such that $u_n(t)$ is decreasing in $t \in [0, 1[$.

PROOF. We only have to show that $Hv_n(\mathbf{G})$ and $Hu_n(\mathbf{D})$ are isometrically isomorphic. To this end consider $\alpha_n : \mathbf{D} \rightarrow \mathbf{G}$ with $\alpha_n(z) = n(1+z)(1-z)^{-1}i$. Then $\alpha_n^{-1}(w) = (w/n - i)(w/n + i)^{-1}$, $w \in \mathbf{G}$. We have $v_n \circ \alpha_n = u_n$. Hence

$T : Hv_n(\mathbf{G}) \rightarrow Hu_n(\mathbf{D})$ with $(Tf)(z) = f(\alpha_n(z))$, $z \in \mathbf{D}$, $f \in Hv_n(\mathbf{G})$, is an onto-isometry.

COROLLARY 1.5. *Let v be a standard weight on \mathbf{G} and let u_n be the weights on \mathbf{D} of Proposition 1.4. Then $Hv(\mathbf{G})$ is isometrically isomorphic to a complemented subspace of $(\sum_{n=1}^\infty \oplus Hu_n(\mathbf{D}))_{(\infty)}$.*

PROOF. In view of Proposition 1.4 it suffices to show that $Hv(\mathbf{G})$ is isometrically isomorphic to a complemented subspace of $(\sum_{n=1}^\infty \oplus Hv_n(\mathbf{G}))_{(\infty)}$. To this end define $T : Hv(\mathbf{G}) \rightarrow (\sum_{n=1}^\infty \oplus Hv_n(\mathbf{G}))_{(\infty)}$ by $Tf = (f, f, \dots)$. T is an isometry since $v_n \uparrow v$.

Now, let $(f_n) \in (\sum_{n=1}^\infty \oplus Hv_n(\mathbf{G}))_{(\infty)}$. If $K \subset \mathbf{G}$ is compact then $\inf_{w \in K} \text{Im } w > 0$ and hence $c := \inf_{n \in \mathbf{N}} \inf_{w \in K} v_n(w) \geq \inf_{w \in K} v_1(w) > 0$. This implies $\sup_{n \in \mathbf{N}} \sup_{w \in K} |f_n(w)| \leq c^{-1} \sup_n \|f_n\|_{v_n}$. Fix a free ultrafilter \mathcal{U} on \mathbf{N} and put $(S(f_n))(w) = \lim_{n, \mathcal{U}} f_n(w)$. By Montel's theorem $S(f_n)$ is holomorphic. We have $\|S(f_n)\|_v \leq \sup_n \|f_n\|_{v_n}$ in view of Proposition 1.4. Clearly TS is a contractive projection from $(\sum_{n=1}^\infty \oplus Hv_n(\mathbf{G}))_{(\infty)}$ onto $THv(\mathbf{G})$.

We complete the proof of Theorem 1.2 in Section 4. Before, in Section 2, we discuss the space $Hu(\mathbf{D})$ for a radial weight u on \mathbf{D} and we consider special subspaces of $Hv(\mathbf{G})$ in Section 3.

Here we prove

LEMMA 1.6. *Let v be a standard weight on \mathbf{G} . Then*

- (i) $a := \sup_{k \in \mathbf{Z}} \frac{v(2^{k+1}i)}{v(2^k i)} < \infty$ if and only if $\frac{v(ti)}{v(si)} \leq c \left(\frac{t}{s}\right)^\beta$ whenever $0 < s \leq t$, for some $c > 0$ and $\beta > 0$. In this case we can take $c = a^2$ and $\beta = \frac{\log a}{\log 2}$.
- (ii) $\inf_{n \in \mathbf{N}} \sup_{k \in \mathbf{Z}} \frac{v(2^k i)}{v(2^{k+n} i)} < 1$ if and only if $\frac{v(ti)}{v(si)} \geq d \left(\frac{t}{s}\right)^\gamma$ whenever $0 < s \leq t$, for some constants $d, \gamma > 0$.

PROOF. (i) Assume $a < \infty$. Put $\beta = \log a / \log 2$. Then fix s, t with $2^k \leq s \leq 2^{k+1}$ and $2^{n+k} \leq t \leq 2^{n+k+1}$ for some $n \in \mathbf{N} \cup \{0\}$ and $k \in \mathbf{Z}$. We obtain

$$\frac{v(ti)}{v(si)} \leq a^{n+1} = (2^{n+1})^\beta = \left(\frac{2^{n+k+2}}{2^{k+1}}\right)^\beta \leq 2^{2\beta} \left(\frac{t}{s}\right)^\beta = a^2 \left(\frac{t}{s}\right)^\beta.$$

If $v(ti)/v(si) \leq c(t/s)^\beta$ whenever $0 < s \leq t$ then put $t = 2^{k+1}$ and $s = 2^k$. This yields $v(2^{k+1}i)/v(2^k i) \leq c2^\beta$.

(ii) Assume there is $n \in \mathbf{N}$ and $b \in]0, 1[$ with

$$\frac{v(2^k i)}{v(2^{k+n} i)} \leq b \quad \text{for all } k \in \mathbf{Z}.$$

We may take $b \leq 1/2$. Otherwise consider mn instead of n for suitable $m \in \mathbf{N}$.

Fix $0 < s \leq t$. Then there is $k \in \mathbf{Z}$, $l \in \mathbf{N} \cup \{0\}$ with $2^{kn} \leq s \leq 2^{(k+1)n}$ and $2^{(l+k)n} \leq t \leq 2^{(l+k+1)n}$. Assume $l > 1$. Then we have

$$\frac{v(si)}{v(ti)} \leq \frac{v(2^{(k+1)n}i)}{v(2^{(l+k)n}i)} \leq \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{l-1} = 2^2 \left(\frac{2^{kn}}{2^{(l+k+1)n}}\right)^{1/n} \leq 2^2 \left(\frac{s}{t}\right)^{1/n}.$$

If $l \leq 1$ then

$$\frac{v(si)}{v(ti)} \leq \frac{v(2^{(k+1)n}i)}{v(2^{(l+k)n}i)} \leq a \leq 2^2 a \left(\frac{2^{kn}}{2^{(l+k+1)n}}\right)^{1/n} \leq 2^2 a \left(\frac{s}{t}\right)^{1/n}.$$

Put $\gamma = 1/n$ and $d = 1/(4a)$.

If

$$\frac{v(ti)}{v(si)} \geq d \left(\frac{t}{s}\right)^\gamma \quad \text{for } 0 < s \leq t$$

then take $n \in \mathbf{N}$ such that $d2^{-n\gamma} \leq 2^{-1}$. With $s = 2^k$, $t = 2^{k+n}$ we obtain

$$\frac{v(2^k i)}{v(2^{k+n} i)} \leq d \frac{1}{2^{n\gamma}} \leq \frac{1}{2} \quad \text{for all } k \in \mathbf{Z}.$$

For two Banach spaces X, Y put

$$d(X, Y) = \inf\{\|T\| \cdot \|T^{-1}\| : T : X \rightarrow Y \text{ an onto-isomorphism}\}$$

provided X and Y are isomorphic (otherwise put $d(X, Y) = \infty$). $d(X, Y)$ is called the Banach-Mazur distance between X and Y ([17]).

If $X \subset Y$ we define

$$\lambda(X, Y) = \inf\{\|P\| : P : Y \rightarrow X \text{ a projection}\}$$

and $\lambda(X) = \sup_{Y \supset X} \lambda(X, Y)$. $\lambda(X, Y)$ and $\lambda(X)$ are called the relative and absolute projection constant of X ([17]). We have $\lambda(X) \leq d(X, l_\infty)$ and $\lambda(X) = \lambda(X, l_\infty)$ if $X \subset l_\infty$. This follows from the Hahn-Banach extension property of l_∞ which also shows $\lambda(l_\infty) = 1$. Moreover, using the same argument, we can replace l_∞ by L_∞ . If Y is another Banach space then $\lambda(X) \leq \lambda(Y)d(X, Y)$ ([17]). Finally, if $\dim X = n$ it is easily seen that $\lambda(X) \leq n$. (We even have $\lambda(X) \leq \sqrt{n}$, [7].)

2. Radial weights on \mathbf{D}

Let $R > 0$. For a function $f : R \cdot \mathbf{D} \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$ and $0 \leq r < R$ put $M_\infty(f, r) = \sup_{|z|=r} |f(z)|$. Using the maximum principle we obtain (e.g., see [11], Lemma 3.1)

LEMMA 2.1. *Let $0 < r < s$.*

(i) *If f is a polynomial of degree n then*

$$M_\infty(f, s) \leq \left(\frac{s}{r}\right)^n M_\infty(f, r).$$

(ii) *If $g(z) = \sum_{k=m}^n \alpha_k z^k$ then*

$$M_\infty(g, r) \leq \left(\frac{r}{s}\right)^m M_\infty(g, s).$$

Now let u be a radial weight on \mathbb{D} such that $u(t)$ is decreasing in $t \in [0, 1[$ and $\lim_{t \rightarrow 1} u(t) = 0$. Assume

$$a := \sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \frac{u(1 - 1/2^n)}{u(1 - 1/2^{n+1})} < \infty.$$

Using induction we find integers $m_0 = 0 < m_1 < m_2 < m_3 < \dots$ such that

$$(2.1) \quad \frac{1}{2a} \leq \frac{u(1 - 1/2^{m_{k+1}})}{u(1 - 1/2^{m_k})} \leq \frac{1}{2}$$

(e.g., let m_{k+1} be the smallest integer with $u(1 - 2^{-m_{k+1}})/u(1 - 2^{-m_k}) \leq 1/2$).

For a harmonic function $f(re^{i\varphi}) = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \alpha_k r^{|k|} e^{ik\varphi}$ and $n \in \mathbb{N}$ put

$$(R_n f)(re^{i\varphi}) = \sum_{|k| \leq 2^n} \alpha_k r^{|k|} e^{ik\varphi} + \sum_{2^n < |k| < 2^{n+1}} \alpha_k \frac{2^{n+1} - |k|}{2^n} r^{|k|} e^{ik\varphi}.$$

Then we obtain

LEMMA 2.2.

(i) $R_n R_m = R_{\min(m,n)}$ if $n \neq m$.

(ii) $M_\infty(R_n f, r) \leq 3M_\infty(f, r)$ for any $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and any $r > 0$.

PROOF. (i) follows from the definition. (ii) follows, e.g., from [11], Lemma 3.3.

We need a slightly stronger result than Theorem (i) (d) and (ii) (c) for holomorphic functions in [10].

PROPOSITION 2.3. *Put $\|f\| = \sup_k M_\infty((R_{m_k} - R_{m_{k-1}})f, 1)u(1 - 2^{-m_k})$. There is a universal constant $b > 0$, depending only on a , such that*

$$\frac{1}{96} \|f\| \leq \|f\|_u \leq b \|f\| \quad \text{for any } f \in Hu(\mathbb{D}).$$

PROOF. Fix $0 < r < 1$, say $1 - 2^{-m_{k-1}} \leq r \leq 1 - 2^{-m_k}$. Put $f_j = (R_{m_j} - R_{m_{j-1}})f$ (where $R_{m_{-1}} = 0$) and $r_j = 1 - 2^{-m_j}$, $j = 0, 1, 2, \dots$. Using Lemma 2.1 and (2.1) we obtain, for $j \leq k$,

$$\begin{aligned} M_\infty(f_j, r)u(r) &\leq 2aM_\infty(f_j, r_k)u(r_k) \\ &\leq 2a\left(\frac{r_k}{r_j}\right)^{2^{m_j+1}} \frac{u(r_k)}{u(r_j)} M_\infty(f_j, r_j)u(r_j) \\ &\leq 2ar_j^{-2^{m_j+1}} 2^{j-k} M_\infty(f_j, 1)u(r_j). \end{aligned}$$

For $l \geq k$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} M_\infty(f_l, r)u(r) &\leq 2aM_\infty(f_l, r_k)u(r_k) \\ &\leq 2a\left(\frac{r_k}{r_l}\right)^{2^{m_l-1}} \frac{u(r_k)}{u(r_l)} M_\infty(f_l, r_l)u(r_l) \\ &\leq 2a\left(\frac{r_k}{r_l}\right)^{2^{m_l-1}} (2a)^{l-k} M_\infty(f_l, 1)u(r_l). \end{aligned}$$

Put

$$b_k = 2a\left(\sum_{j=1}^{k-1} r_j^{-2^{m_j+1}} 2^{j-k} + \sum_{l=k+1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{r_k}{r_l}\right)^{2^{m_l-1}} (2a)^{l-k}\right).$$

Then, using the Bernoulli inequality and $1 - x \leq e^{-x}$ for $x \geq 0$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} b_k &\leq 2a\left(\sum_{j=1}^{k-1} \frac{16}{2^{k-j}} + \sum_{l=k+1}^{\infty} 2 \exp(-2^{m_l-1-m_k} + (\log 2 + \log a)(l - k))\right) \\ &\leq 32a + 4a \sum_{l=k+1}^{\infty} \exp(-2^{l-k-1} + (l - k)(\log 2 + \log a)). \end{aligned}$$

We see that there is $b > 0$ depending only on a with $b_k \leq b$ for all k . Since f as holomorphic function on \mathbb{D} has a Taylor series which converges uniformly on $r\bar{\mathbb{D}}$ we obtain that $f = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} f_j$ and the series converges uniformly on $r\bar{\mathbb{D}}$. Hence

$$M_\infty(f, r)u(r) \leq \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} M_\infty(f_j, r)u(r) \leq b \sup_j M_\infty(f_j, 1)u(r_j)$$

which implies $\|f\|_u \leq b\|f\|$. The lower estimate follows from

$$\begin{aligned} M_\infty(f_j, 1)u(r_j) &\leq r_j^{-2m_j+1} M_\infty(f_j, r_j)u(r_j) \\ &\leq 16 \cdot 6M_\infty(f, r_j)u(r_j) \\ &\leq 96\|f\|_u. \end{aligned}$$

For a harmonic function $f(re^{i\varphi}) = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \alpha_k r^{|k|} e^{ik\varphi}$ put $(Rf)(z) = \sum_{k=0}^\infty \alpha_k z^k$.

LEMMA 2.4. For any $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ with $m \leq n$, any trigonometric polynomial of the form $f(re^{i\varphi}) = \sum_{m < |k| \leq n} \alpha_k r^{|k|} e^{ik\varphi}$ and any $r > 0$ we have

$$M_\infty(Rf, r) \leq \frac{n}{m} M_\infty(f, r).$$

PROOF. See [11], Lemma 3.3(b).

PROPOSITION 2.5. There are universal constants $c_1, c_2, c_3 > 0$, depending only on a , such that for any sequence (m_k) with (2.1) we have

$$c_1 \sup_k (m_k - m_{k-1}) \leq \lambda(Hu(\mathbb{D})) \leq c_2 \sup_k 2^{m_k - m_{k-1}}.$$

Moreover, there is an (into-)isomorphism $T : Hu(\mathbb{D}) \rightarrow l_\infty$ with $\|T\| \cdot \|T^{-1}\| \leq c_3$.

PROOF. To prove the left-hand inequality we can assume $\lambda(Hu(\mathbb{D})) < \infty$. Put $hu(\mathbb{D}) = \{f : \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \text{ harmonic} : \|f\|_u < \infty\}$. Fix $\epsilon > 0$ and find a projection $P : hu(\mathbb{D}) \rightarrow Hu(\mathbb{D})$ with $\|P\| \leq (1 + \epsilon)\lambda(Hu(\mathbb{D}))$. For $|\theta| = 1$ put $(L_\theta f)(z) = f(\theta z)$. Then

$$(Rf)(z) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} (L_{e^{-i\varphi}} P L_{e^{i\varphi}} f)(z) d\varphi$$

(check the Fourier series of f and Pf). Hence $\|R\| \leq \|P\|$. This implies $\|R\| \leq \lambda(Hu(\mathbb{D}))$.

Consider $f(z) = \sum_{k=1}^\infty k^{-1}(z^k - \bar{z}^k)$. $f(e^{i\varphi})$ is the Fourier series of the function $i(\pi - \varphi)$, $\varphi \in [0, 2\pi]$. Hence $M_\infty(f, 1) \leq \pi$. Fix k and assume $m_k - m_{k-1} > 3$. Put

$$g = \frac{(R_{m_k-1} - R_{m_{k-1}+1})f}{u(1 - 2^{-m_k})}.$$

With the norm $\|\cdot\|$ of Proposition 2.3, since

$$(R_{m_j} - R_{m_{j-1}})(R_{m_{k-1}} - R_{m_{k-1+1}}) = \begin{cases} 0, & j \neq k \\ R_{m_{k-1}} - R_{m_{k-1+1}}, & j = k \end{cases},$$

we conclude

$$\|g\| = M_\infty(g, 1) \leq 6M_\infty(f, 1) \leq 6\pi.$$

Hence $\|g\|_u \leq 6b\pi$. On the other hand,

$$\begin{aligned} \|Rg\|_u &\geq \frac{1}{96} M_\infty(Rg, 1)u \left(1 - \frac{1}{2^{m_k}}\right) \\ &\geq \frac{1}{96} ((R_{m_{k-1}} - R_{m_{k-1+1}})Rf)(1) \\ &\geq \frac{1}{96} \sum_{j=2^{m_{k-1}+2}}^{2^{m_k-1}} \frac{1}{j} \\ &\geq \frac{1}{96} (\log 2)(m_k - m_{k-1} - 3). \end{aligned}$$

(Here we used $(Rg)u(1 - 2^{-m_k}) = (R_{m_{k-1}} - R_{m_{k-1+1}})Rf$.) This implies

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\log 2}{96} (m_k - m_{k-1} - 3) &\leq \|R\| \cdot \|g\|_u \\ &\leq 6\pi b\lambda(Hu(\mathbf{D})). \end{aligned}$$

If $m_k - m_{k-1} \leq 3$ then certainly $m_k - m_{k-1} \leq 3\lambda(Hu(\mathbf{D}))$. Altogether we conclude

$$\sup_k (m_k - m_{k-1}) \leq \left(\frac{96}{\log 2} 6\pi b + 3\right) \lambda(Hu(\mathbf{D})).$$

For the right-hand inequality put $\|f\|_k = M_\infty(f, 1)u(1 - 2^{-m_k})$. Then $X_k := (L_\infty(\partial\mathbf{D}), \|\cdot\|_k)$ is isometric to L_∞ . Put $X = \left(\sum_k \oplus X_k\right)_{(\infty)}$. We have $d(X, l_\infty) < \infty$ since $d(L_\infty, l_\infty) < \infty$. Define $T : Hu(\mathbf{D}) \rightarrow X$ by $Tf = ((R_{m_k} - R_{m_{k-1}})f)$. Then $\|T\| \leq 96$ and $\|T^{-1}\| \leq b$ in view of Proposition 2.3. Define $S : X \rightarrow Hu(\mathbf{D})$ by $S(g_k) = \sum_{k=1}^\infty R(R_{m_k} - R_{m_{k-1}})g_k$ (where the polynomial $R(R_{m_k} - R_{m_{k-1}})g_k$ defined on $\partial\mathbf{D}$ is extended naturally to \mathbf{D}). We obtain with

Lemma 2.4 and (2.1)

$$\begin{aligned} \|S(g_k)\|_u &\leq b \|S(g_k)\| \\ &\leq b \sup_k \left(2^{m_k - m_{k-1}} M_\infty((R_{m_k} - R_{m_{k-1}})g_k, 1) \right. \\ &\quad \cdot \max \left(u \left(1 - \frac{1}{2^{m_{k-1}}} \right), u \left(1 - \frac{1}{2^{m_k}} \right), u \left(1 - \frac{1}{2^{m_{k+1}}} \right) \right) \Big) \\ &\leq 6ab \sup_k 2^{m_k - m_{k-1}} \sup_k \|g_k\|_k. \end{aligned}$$

Here we used

$$(R_{m_j} - R_{m_{j-1}})(R_{m_k} - R_{m_{k-1}}) = 0 \quad \text{if } j \neq k - 1, k, k + 1$$

(see Lemma 2.2(i)).

We have $TST = T$ which is a consequence of the definition of S and T . Hence TS is a projection from X onto $THu(\mathbb{D})$. We conclude

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda(Hu(\mathbb{D})) &\leq 96b \lambda(THu(\mathbb{D})) \\ &\leq 96b d(L_\infty, l_\infty) \lambda(THu(\mathbb{D}), X) \\ &\leq 96b d(L_\infty, l_\infty) \|TS\| \\ &\leq 6 \cdot 96ab^2 d(L_\infty, l_\infty) \sup_k 2^{m_k - m_{k-1}}. \end{aligned}$$

3. A special subspace of $Hv(\mathbb{G})$

Let v be a standard weight on \mathbb{G} and assume there are constants $c > 0$ and $\beta > 0$ with

$$(3.1) \quad \frac{v(ti)}{v(si)} \leq c \left(\frac{t}{s} \right)^\beta \quad \text{whenever } 0 < s \leq t.$$

By perhaps increasing β we may assume that β is an even integer. We consider the subspace

$$U_v = \left\{ f \in Hv(\mathbb{G}) : w^{2\beta} f(w) = f\left(-\frac{1}{w}\right), w \in \mathbb{G} \right\}.$$

Note that any $f \in Hv(\mathbb{G})$ has a representation of the form

$$f(w) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \alpha_k \frac{1}{(w+i)^{2\beta}} \left(\frac{w-i}{w+i} \right)^k$$

where the series converges uniformly on compact subsets of \mathbf{G} . (Apply the Möbius transform $\alpha(z) = (1+z)(1-z)^{-1}i$ where $\alpha^{-1}(w) = (w-i)(w+i)^{-1}$. The function $2^{2\beta}(1-z)^{-2\beta}f(\alpha(z))$ is holomorphic on \mathbf{D} . Hence $f(\alpha(z)) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \alpha_k 2^{-2\beta}(1-z)^{2\beta}z^k$ for some α_k which yields the above representation.)

It can be shown that U_v consists of the functions $f \in H\nu(\mathbf{G})$ with

$$f(w) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \alpha_k \frac{1}{(w+i)^{2\beta}} \left(\frac{w-i}{w+i} \right)^{2k}$$

for some α_k . For example, it is easily seen that $(w+i)^{-2\beta}(w-i)^{2k}(w+i)^{-2k} \in U_v$ for all $k \in \mathbf{N} \cup \{0\}$ (in view of (3.1)).

PROPOSITION 3.1. *Let*

$$u(z) = v\left(\frac{1-|z|}{1+|z|}i\right), \quad z \in \mathbf{D}.$$

Then $d(U_v, Hu(\mathbf{D})) \leq 2^{3\beta}c^3$ where c is the constant in (3.1).

PROOF. Put $\tilde{v}(w) = (w+i)^{-2\beta}v(w)$. Then

$$\frac{\tilde{v}(w)}{\tilde{v}(-1/w)} = \frac{v(w)}{|w|^{2\beta}v(-1/w)} \leq c \quad \text{if } |w| \geq 1$$

in view of (3.1). Define $T : U_v \rightarrow H\tilde{v}(\mathbf{G})$ by $(Tf)(w) = (w+i)^{2\beta}f(w)$. Then T is an isometry onto $\{g \in H\tilde{v}(\mathbf{G}) : g(w) = g(-1/w), w \in \mathbf{G}\}$. For any $g \in TU_v$ and $w \in \mathbf{G}$ with $|w| \geq 1$ we have $|g(w)|\tilde{v}(w) \leq |g(-1/w)|\tilde{v}(-1/w)c$. Hence

$$(3.2) \quad \|g\|_{\tilde{v}} \leq c \sup_{w \in \mathbf{G}, |w| \leq 1} |g(w)|\tilde{v}(w).$$

We use the Möbius transform $\alpha : \mathbf{D} \rightarrow \mathbf{G}$ with $\alpha(z) = (1+z)(1-z)^{-1}i$. Here $|\alpha(z)| \leq 1$ is equivalent to $\operatorname{Re} z \leq 0$. We have, for $z \in \mathbf{D}$,

$$\operatorname{Im} \alpha(-|z|) = \frac{1-|z|}{1+|z|} \leq \frac{1-|z|^2}{|1-z|^2} = \operatorname{Im} \alpha(z).$$

Hence,

$$(3.3) \quad \frac{1}{c} \tilde{v}(\alpha(z)) \leq v(\alpha(-|z|)) = u(z) \leq 2^\beta \tilde{v}(\alpha(z)) \quad \text{if } \operatorname{Re} z \leq 0.$$

Indeed, in view of (3.1),

$$\frac{\tilde{v}(\alpha(z))}{v(\alpha(-|z|))} \leq c \left(\frac{1-|z|^2}{|1-z|^2} \right)^\beta \left(\frac{1+|z|}{1-|z|} \right)^\beta \frac{|1-z|^{2\beta}}{2^{2\beta}} \leq c.$$

On the other hand,

$$v(\alpha(-|z|)) \leq v(\alpha(z)) = \tilde{v}(\alpha(z)) \frac{2^{2\beta}}{|1-z|^{2\beta}} \leq \tilde{v}(\alpha(z)) 2^{2\beta}$$

since $\operatorname{Re} z \leq 0$. This shows (3.3).

Put $X = \{h \in Hu(\mathbf{D}) : h(z) = h(-z), z \in \mathbf{D}\}$. (3.2) and (3.3) imply

$$(3.4) \quad d(U_v, X) \leq 2^\beta c^2.$$

Now, for $h \in Hu(\mathbf{D})$ let $(Sh)(z) = h(z^2)$. Then, by (3.1),

$$|(Sh)(z)|u(z) = |h(z^2)|v(\alpha(-|z|^2)) \frac{v(\alpha(-|z|))}{v(\alpha(-|z|^2))} \leq \|h\|_u$$

since

$$\operatorname{Im} \alpha(-|z|) = \frac{1-|z|}{1+|z|} \leq \frac{1-|z|^2}{1+|z|^2} = \operatorname{Im} \alpha(-|z|^2).$$

Hence $Sh \in X$.

Conversely, if $h \in X$ then $h(z) = k(z^2)$ for some holomorphic function $k : \mathbf{D} \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$. Hence $S^{-1}h = k$. We have, with $z = z_0^2$

$$\begin{aligned} |(S^{-1}h)(z)|u(z) &= |k(z_0^2)|u(z) = |h(z_0)|u(z_0) \frac{u(z)}{u(z_0)} \\ &\leq \|h\|_u \frac{v(\alpha(-|z_0|^2))}{v(\alpha(-|z_0|))} \\ &\leq \|h\|_u c \left(\frac{1-|z_0|^2}{1+|z_0|^2}\right)^\beta \left(\frac{1+|z_0|}{1-|z_0|}\right)^\beta \\ &\leq c2^{2\beta} \|h\|_u. \end{aligned}$$

Hence $d(X, Hu(\mathbf{D})) \leq c2^{2\beta}$. This together with (3.4) implies the proposition.

We show next that U_v is complemented in $Hv(\mathbf{G})$.

PROPOSITION 3.2. *There is a constant d which depends only on β and c such that*

$$\lambda(U_v, Hv(\mathbf{G})) \leq d.$$

PROOF. Let $w_k, k = 1, \dots, \beta$, be the zeros of $w^{2\beta} + 1$ in \mathbf{G} , i.e. $w_k = \exp(i(2k-1)(2\beta)^{-1}\pi)$. Then $\operatorname{Im} w_k \geq \sin((2\beta)^{-1}\pi)$ for all k . Let O_k be the open disc with center w_k and radius

$$r := \min \left(\frac{\sin(\pi/(2\beta))}{2}, \min \left\{ \frac{|w_k - w_j|}{2} : k, j = 1, \dots, \beta, k \neq j \right\} \right).$$

Then the O_k are mutually disjoint. Finally let $\delta = \inf\{|w^{2\beta} + 1| : w \in \mathbf{G} \setminus \bigcup_{k=1}^{\beta} O_k\}$. Put

$$V = \{f \in H\nu(\mathbf{G}) : f(w_k) = 0, k = 1, \dots, \beta\}.$$

Then V is β -codimensional in $H\nu(\mathbf{G})$ and the codimension of $U_v \cap V$ in U_v is $\leq \beta$. For $f \in V$ put

$$(Tf)(w) = \frac{1}{w^{2\beta} + 1} \left(f(w) + f\left(-\frac{1}{w}\right) \right).$$

Then Tf is holomorphic. This follows from the fact that $-1/w_k$ is a zero of $w^{2\beta} + 1$ in \mathbf{G} for all k , too. We claim $Tf \in U_v$. Indeed, (3.1) implies

$$(3.5) \quad \frac{v(w)}{v(-1/w)} \leq \begin{cases} 1, & |w| \leq 1 \\ c|w|^{2\beta}, & |w| \geq 1. \end{cases}$$

Consider $w \in \mathbf{G}$ with $|w| \geq 2$. Then, in view of (3.5),

$$\begin{aligned} |(Tf)(w)|v(w) &\leq \frac{1}{2^{2\beta} - 1} \|f\|_v + \frac{v(w)}{|w^{2\beta} + 1|v(-1/w)} \left| f\left(\frac{-1}{w}\right) \right| v\left(\frac{-1}{w}\right) \\ &\leq \frac{2^{2\beta}c + 1}{2^{2\beta} - 1} \|f\|_v. \end{aligned}$$

Next, let $w \in \mathbf{G} \setminus \bigcup_{k=1}^{\beta} O_k$ such that $|w| \leq 2$. Then $|(Tf)(w)|v(w) \leq \delta^{-1}(1 + c2^{2\beta})\|f\|_v$. (Again, we used (3.5).) Finally, let $w \in \bigcup_{k=1}^{\beta} O_k$, say $w \in O_j$. Since Tf is holomorphic, by the maximum principle, there is $w_0 \in \partial O_j$ with $|(Tf)w| \leq |(Tf)(w_0)|$. Hence, with (3.1),

$$\begin{aligned} |(Tf)(w)|v(w) &\leq \frac{v(w)}{v(w_0)} |(Tf)(w_0)|v(w_0) \\ &\leq \frac{v(\operatorname{Im} w_j + r)}{v(\operatorname{Im} w_j - r)} |(Tf)(w_0)|v(w_0) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{\delta} (1 + 2^{2\beta}c) c \left(\frac{\operatorname{Im} w_j + r}{\operatorname{Im} w_j - r} \right)^{\beta} \|f\|_v \\ &\leq \frac{1}{\delta} (1 + 2^{2\beta}c) c \left(\frac{\frac{3}{2} \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2\beta}\right)}{\frac{1}{2} \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2\beta}\right)} \right)^{\beta} \|f\|_v \\ &= \frac{3^{\beta}}{\delta} c(1 + 2^{2\beta}c) \|f\|_v. \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$(3.6) \quad \|Tf\|_v \leq \max \left(\frac{2^{2\beta}c + 1}{2^{2\beta} - 1}, \frac{3^\beta}{\delta}c(1 + 2^{2\beta}c) \right) \|f\|_v.$$

Clearly, $w^{2\beta}(Tf)(w) = (Tf)(-1/w)$ which shows $Tf \in U_v$. If $f \in U_v \cap V$ then $Tf = f$.

Let $Q_1 : U_v \rightarrow U_v \cap V$ and $Q_2 : Hv(\mathbf{G}) \rightarrow V$ be projections with $\|Q_j\| \leq \beta, j = 1, 2$. Then Q_1TQ_2 is a projection from $Hv(\mathbf{G})$ onto $U_v \cap V$ and $\dim (id - Q_1TQ_2)U_v \leq \beta$. Hence we find a projection $Q_3 : Hv(\mathbf{G}) \rightarrow (id - Q_1TQ_2)U_v$ with $\|Q_3\| \leq \beta$. Finally put

$$P = Q_3(id - Q_1TQ_2) + Q_1TQ_2.$$

Then P is a projection from $Hv(\mathbf{G})$ onto U_v with $\|P\| \leq \beta(1 + \beta^2\|T\|) + \beta^2\|T\|$. This together with (3.6) completes the proof of Proposition 3.2.

4. Proof of Theorem 1.2

Consider a standard weight v on \mathbf{G} satisfying (\star) . Put

$$u_n(z) = v \left(n \frac{1 - |z|}{1 + |z|} i \right), \quad z \in \mathbf{D}, \quad n \in \mathbf{N},$$

and assume

$$a_n := \sup_{j \in \mathbf{N}} \frac{u_n(1 - 2^{-j})}{u_n(1 - 2^{-j-1})} < \infty \quad \text{for each } n.$$

Fix integers $0 = m_{n,0} < m_{n,1} < m_{n,2} < \dots$ with

$$\frac{1}{2a_n} \leq \frac{u_n(1 - 2^{-m_{n,k+1}})}{u_n(1 - 2^{-m_{n,k}})} \leq \frac{1}{2}.$$

Then we have

LEMMA 4.1.

(i) v satisfies (\star) if and only if $\sup_n a_n < \infty$.

(ii) Let v satisfy (\star) .

Then v also satisfies $(\star\star)$ if and only if $\sup_n \sup_k (m_{n,k} - m_{n,k-1}) < \infty$.

PROOF. (i) Fix $n \in \mathbf{N}$. Let $m \in \mathbf{N} \cup \{0\}$ such that $2^m \leq n \leq 2^{m+1}$. Then we have

$$\frac{u_n(1 - 2^{-j})}{u_n(1 - 2^{-j-1})} = \frac{v(n(2^{j+1} - 1)^{-1}i)}{v(n(2^{j+2} - 1)^{-1}i)} \leq \frac{v(2^{m-j+1}i)}{v(2^{m-j-2}i)}$$

and

$$\frac{u_n(1 - 2^{-j+1})}{u_n(1 - 2^{-j-2})} = \frac{v(n(2^j - 1)^{-1}i)}{v(n(2^{j+3} - 1)^{-1}i)} \geq \frac{v(2^{m-j}i)}{v(2^{m-j-1}i)}.$$

From this we infer (i).

(ii) Assume (★★). Then there is $j \in \mathbb{N}$ with

$$b := \sup_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \frac{v(2^k i)}{v(2^{k+j} i)} < 1.$$

We can assume $b \leq 1/2$, otherwise take lj instead of j for suitable $l \in \mathbb{N}$. Hence if $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $2^m \leq n \leq 2^{m+1}$ then

$$\frac{u_n(1 - 2^{-l-j-2})}{u_n(1 - 2^{-l})} = \frac{v(n(2^{l+j+3} - 1)^{-1}i)}{v(n(2^{l+1} - 1)^{-1}i)} \leq \frac{v(2^{m-l-1-j}i)}{v(2^{m-l-1}i)} \leq b \leq \frac{1}{2}$$

for all $l \in \mathbb{N}$. From this we obtain $\sup_k (m_{n,k} - m_{n,k-1}) \leq j + 2$.

Now assume $\sup_n \sup_k (m_{n,k} - m_{n,k-1}) < \infty$. A simple calculation shows that there is $j \in \mathbb{N}$ with

$$\frac{u_n(1 - 2^{-l-j})}{u_n(1 - 2^{-l})} \leq \frac{1}{2} \quad \text{for all } l, n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Hence

$$\sup_{l,n} \frac{v\left(\frac{n}{2^{l+j+1}-1}i\right)}{v\left(\frac{n}{2^{l+1}-1}i\right)} \leq \frac{1}{2}$$

and we easily infer from this condition (★★).

CONCLUSION OF THE PROOF OF THEOREM 1.2. Let $Hv(\mathbb{G})$ be isomorphic to l_∞ . Consider the standard weights $\tilde{v}_n(w) = v(nw)$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Define $T_n : Hv(\mathbb{G}) \rightarrow H\tilde{v}_n(\mathbb{G})$ by $(T_n f)(w) = f(nw)$, $w \in \mathbb{G}$. The T_n are onto-isometries. (★) implies

$$\sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \sup_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \frac{\tilde{v}_n(2^{k+1}i)}{\tilde{v}_n(2^k i)} < \infty.$$

Hence, by Lemma 1.6 there are constants $c, \beta > 0$ with

$$\frac{\tilde{v}_n(ti)}{\tilde{v}_n(st)} \leq c \left(\frac{t}{s}\right)^\beta \quad \text{whenever } 0 < s \leq t \text{ for all } n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Consider the spaces $U_{\tilde{v}_n} \subset H\tilde{v}_n(\mathbb{G})$. According to Proposition 3.1 and Proposition 3.2 we have

$$\sup_n \lambda(U_{\tilde{v}_n}, H\tilde{v}_n(\mathbb{G})) < \infty \quad \text{and} \quad \sup_n d(U_{\tilde{v}_n}, Hu_n(\mathbb{D})) < \infty.$$

Since $d(H\check{v}_n(\mathbf{G}), l_\infty) = d(Hv(\mathbf{G}), l_\infty)$ we conclude $\sup_n \lambda(U_{\check{v}_n}) < \infty$ and hence $\sup_n \lambda(Hu_n(\mathbf{D})) < \infty$. Proposition 2.5 then shows $\sup_{k,n} (m_{n,k} - m_{n,k-1}) < \infty$. By Lemma 4.1, v satisfies $(\star\star)$.

Now assume $(\star\star)$. With Lemma 4.1 and Proposition 2.5 we see that $\sup_n \lambda(Hu_n(\mathbf{D})) < \infty$. Hence $(\sum_n \oplus Hu_n(\mathbf{D}))_{(\infty)}$ is isomorphic to a complemented subspace of l_∞ . In view of Corollary 1.5 $Hv(\mathbf{G})$ is isomorphic to a complemented subspace of l_∞ . Hence $d(Hv(\mathbf{G}), l_\infty) < \infty$ (see [9], Theorem 2.a.7).

It is known that $Hv_0(\mathbf{G})^{**}$ is isomorphic to $Hv(\mathbf{G})$ ([2], [5]). Hence if $Hv_0(\mathbf{G})$ is isomorphic to c_0 then $Hv(\mathbf{G})$ is isomorphic to l_∞ .

Conversely, if $Hv(\mathbf{G})$ is isomorphic to l_∞ then $Hv_0(\mathbf{G})$ is a \mathcal{L}_∞ -space ([8]). $Hv_0(\mathbf{G})$ is always isomorphic to a subspace of c_0 ([3]). By [6] this means that $Hv_0(\mathbf{G})$ is isomorphic to c_0 .

CONCLUDING REMARKS. It is known that, for any radial decreasing weight u on \mathbf{D} , the space $Hu(\mathbf{D})$ is either isomorphic to l_∞ or to H_∞ , the space of all bounded holomorphic functions on \mathbf{D} (with the sup-norm), see [11]. It is very likely that, for a standard weight v on \mathbf{G} which satisfies (\star) but not $(\star\star)$, the space $Hv(\mathbf{G})$ is isomorphic to H_∞ , too. Even without condition (\star) there might be only two isomorphism classes for $Hv(\mathbf{G})$, namely l_∞ and H_∞ . However, we mention again that in any case v must satisfy $v(ti) \leq e^{bt}$, $t > 0$, for some constant $b \in \mathbf{R}$. (This is always the case if (\star) holds.) Otherwise, according to [15], $Hv(\mathbf{G}) = \{0\}$.

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