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Applications of the generalised Dirichlet integral inequality to the Neumann problem with fast-growing continuous data

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Abstract

By using the generalised Dirichlet integral inequality with continuous functions on the boundary of the upper half-space, we prove new types of solutions for the Neumann problem with fast-growing continuous data on the boundary. Given any harmonic function with its negative part satisfying similarly fast-growing conditions, we obtain weaker boundary integral condition.

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1 Introduction

Let \mathbf{R}^n denote the n -dimensional Euclidean space, where $n \geq 3$. We denote two points L and N in \mathbf{R}^n by $L = (x', x_n)$ and $N = (y', y_n)$, respectively, where $x' = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1})$, $y' = (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_{n-1})$, $x_n \in \mathbf{R}$ and $y_n \in \mathbf{R}$. The Euclidean distance of them is denoted by $|L - N|$. Let E be a subset of \mathbf{R}^n , we denote the boundary and closure of it by ∂E and \bar{E} , respectively. The set

$$\{L = (x', x_n) \in \mathbf{R}^n; x_n > 0\},$$

is denoted by \mathcal{T}_n , which is called the upper half-space. Let F be a subset of $\mathbf{R}_+ \cup \{0\}$. Then two sets

$$\{L = (x', x_n) \in \mathcal{T}_n; |L| \in F\} \quad \text{and} \quad \{N = (y', 0) \in \partial \mathcal{T}_n; |N| \in F\}$$

are denoted by $\mathcal{T}_n E$ and $\partial \mathcal{T}_n E$, respectively.

Let $B_n(r)$ denote the open ball with center at the origin and radius r , where $r > 0$. By $S_n(r)$ we denote $\mathcal{T}_n \cap \partial B_n(r)$. When g is a function defined by $\sigma_n(r) = \mathcal{T}_n \cap B_n(r)$, the mean of g is defined by

$$M(g)(r) = \frac{2s_n}{r^{n-1}} \int_{\sigma_n(r)} g(L) d\sigma_L,$$

where s_n is the surface area of $B_n(1)$ and $d\sigma_L$ is the surface element on $B_n(r)$ at $L \in \sigma_n(r)$.

Let $h(L)$ be a function on \mathcal{T}_n . In this paper we denote $h^+ = \max\{h, 0\}$, $h^- = -\min\{h, 0\}$ and $[c]$ is the integer part of c , where $c \in \mathbf{R}$. Let $\partial/\partial n$ denote differentiation along the inward normal into \mathcal{T}_n . We use the Lebesgue measure $dL = dx'_1 \cdots dx_{n-1}$.

Let f be a continuous function on $\partial\mathcal{T}_n$. If h is a harmonic function on \mathcal{T}_n and

$$\lim_{L \rightarrow N \in \partial\mathcal{T}_n, L \in \mathcal{T}_n(\Omega)} \frac{\partial h(L)}{\partial x_n} = f(N),$$

then we say that h is a solution of the Neumann problem on \mathcal{T}_n with respect to f .

The uniqueness and the existence of solutions of the Neumann problem on \mathcal{T}_n with a continuous function on $\partial\mathcal{T}_n$ were given by Su (see [1, 2]).

Theorem A (see [3], Theorem 1) *Let $f(N)$ ($N = (y', 0)$) be a function continuous on $\partial\mathcal{T}_n$ such that*

$$\int_{\partial\mathcal{T}_n} |f(y')| (1 + |y'|)^{2-n} dy' < +\infty. \tag{1.1}$$

Then the Neumann integral

$$\mathbb{H}_{0,n}[f](L) = -\rho_n \int_{\partial\mathcal{T}_n} f(N) |L - N|^{2-n} dN$$

is a solution of the Neumann problem on \mathcal{T}_n with respect to f satisfying

$$M(\mathbb{H}_{0,n}[f])(r) = O(1)$$

as $r \rightarrow +\infty$, where $\rho_n = 2\{(n-2)s_n\}^{-1}$.

Theorem B (see [3], Theorem 3) *Let k be a positive integer, f be a continuous function on $\partial\mathcal{T}_n$ such that (1.1) holds and $h(L)$ be a solution of the Neumann problem on \mathcal{T}_n with respect to f satisfying*

$$M(h^+)(r) = o(r^k)$$

as $r \rightarrow +\infty$. Then

$$h(L) = \mathbb{H}_{0,n}(f)(L) + \begin{cases} d & \text{when } k = 1, \\ \Pi(x') + \sum_{j=1}^{[k/2]} \frac{(-1)^j x_n^{2j}}{(2j)!} \Delta^j \Pi(x') & \text{when } k \geq 2, \end{cases}$$

for any $L = (x', x_n)$, where d is a constant, $\Pi(x')$ is a polynomial of degree less than k on $\partial\mathcal{T}_n$ and

$$\Delta^j = \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_1^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_2^2} + \cdots + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_{n-1}^2} \right) \quad (j = 1, 2, \dots).$$

Recently, Ren and Yang (see [4]) extended Theorems A and B by defining generalised Neumann integrals with continuous functions under less restricted conditions than (1.1).

Meanwhile, they also proved that for any continuous function f on $\partial\mathcal{T}_n$ there exists a solution of Neumann problem on \mathcal{T}_n . To state them, we need some preliminaries.

Let L and N be two points on \mathcal{T}_n and $\partial\mathcal{T}_n$, respectively. By $\langle L, N \rangle$ we denote the usual inner product in \mathbf{R}^n . We denote

$$|L - N|^{2-n} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} d_{k,n} |N|^{-k-n+2} |L|^k G_{k,n}(t),$$

where $|N| > |L|$,

$$t = |L|^{-1} |N|^{-1} \langle L, N \rangle, \quad d_{k,n} = \binom{k+n-3}{k}$$

and $G_{k,n}$ is the n -dimensional Legendre polynomial of degree k .

As in [2], we shall use the following generalised Dirichlet kernel. For a non-negative integer l , two points $L \in \mathcal{T}_n$ and $N \in \partial\mathcal{T}_n$, we put

$$\mathbb{V}_{l,n}(L, N) = \begin{cases} -\rho_{n+1} \sum_{k=0}^{l-1} d_{k,n} |N|^{-n-k+2} |L|^k G_{k,n}(t) & \text{when } |N| \geq 1 \text{ and } l \geq 1, \\ 0 & \text{when } |N| < 1 \text{ and } l \geq 1, \\ 0 & \text{when } l = 0. \end{cases} \tag{1.2}$$

The generalised Neumann kernel $\mathbb{K}_{l,n}(L, N)$ on \mathcal{T}_n is defined by (see [2])

$$\mathbb{K}_{l,n}(L, N) = \mathbb{K}_{0,n}(L, N) - \mathbb{V}_{l,n}(L, N),$$

where $L \in \mathcal{T}_n, N \in \partial\mathcal{T}_n$ and

$$\mathbb{K}_{0,n}(L, N) = -\alpha_n |L - N|^{2-n}.$$

As for similar generalised Dirichlet kernel in a half plane and smooth cone, we refer the reader to the papers by Yang and Ren (see [5]), Zhao and Yamada (see [6]) and Su (see [1]).

Let $f(N)$ be a continuous function on $\partial\mathcal{T}_n$. Then the generalised Neumann integral on \mathcal{T}_n can be defined by

$$\mathbb{H}_{l,n}[f](L) = \int_{\partial\mathcal{T}_n} f(N) \mathbb{K}_{l,n}(L, N) dN.$$

Ren and Yang proved the following results.

Theorem C (see [4], Corollary 1) *Let $1 < p < \infty, n + \beta - 2 > -(n - 1)(p - 1)$ and*

$$1 - \frac{1 - \beta}{p} < m < 2 - \frac{1 - \beta}{p}.$$

Let $f(N)$ ($N = (y', 0)$) be a continuous function on $\partial\mathcal{T}_n$ such that

$$\int_{\partial H} |f(y')|^p (1 + |y'|)^{2-\beta-n} dy' < \infty. \tag{1.3}$$

Then the generalised Neumann integral $\mathbb{H}_{l,n}[f](L)$ is a solution of the Neumann problem on \mathcal{T}_n with respect to f satisfying

$$M(|\mathbb{H}_{l,n}[f]|)(r) = O(|x|^{1+\frac{\beta-1}{p}} \sec^{n-2} \theta)$$

as $r \rightarrow +\infty$.

Theorem D (see [4], Theorem 3) *Let $1 \leq p < \infty$, $\beta > 1 - p$, l be a positive integer and*

$$1 - \frac{1 - \beta}{p} < m < 2 - \frac{1 - \beta}{p} \quad \text{when } p > 1,$$

$$\beta \leq m < \beta + 1 \quad \text{when } p = 1.$$

Let $f(N)$ be a continuous function on $\partial\mathcal{T}_n$ satisfying (1.3). If $h(L)$ is a solution of the Neumann problem on \mathcal{T}_n with respect to f such that

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty, L=(r,\theta) \in H} h^+(L) = o(r^{l+[1+\frac{\beta-1}{p}]}),$$

then

$$h(L) = N_m[f](L) + \Pi(x') + \sum_{j=1}^{\lfloor \frac{l+[1+\frac{\beta-1}{p}]}{2} \rfloor} \frac{(-1)^j}{(2j)!} x_n^{2j} \Delta^j \Pi(x')$$

for any $L = (x', x_n)$, where d is a constant, $\Pi(x')$ is a polynomial of degree less than $l + [1 + \frac{\beta-1}{p}]$ on $\partial\mathcal{T}_n$.

From Theorems A, B, C and D, it is easy to see that the continuous boundary function f grows slowly on $\partial\mathcal{T}_n$. It is natural to ask what will happen if f is replaced by a fast-growing continuous function on $\partial\mathcal{T}_n$. In this paper, we shall solve this problem and explicitly give a new solution of the Neumann problem on $\partial\mathcal{T}_n$.

Define

$$\varepsilon_0 = \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \tau^{-1}(r)r\tau'(r) \log r < 1,$$

where $\tau(r)$ is a nondecreasing and continuously differentiable function satisfying $\tau(r) \geq 1$ for any $r \in \mathbf{R}^+ \cup \{0\}$.

From these we see that there is a sufficiently large positive number r such that for any $t > r$

$$\tau(e)(\ln t)^{\varepsilon_0+\varepsilon} > \tau(t), \tag{1.4}$$

where ε is a sufficiently small positive number satisfying $\varepsilon_0 + \varepsilon < 1$.

Let \mathfrak{A}_ϖ be the set of continuous functions $f(N)$ ($N = (y', 0)$) on $\partial\mathcal{T}_n$ satisfying

$$\int_{\partial\mathcal{T}_n} |f(y')| (1 + |y'|)^{3-n-\varpi-\tau(|y'|)} dy' < +\infty, \tag{1.5}$$

where ϖ is a real number such that $\varpi > 2$.

2 Results

Now we state our results.

Theorem 1 *If $f \in \mathfrak{A}_\varpi$, then generalised Neumann integral $\mathbb{H}_{[\tau(|y'|)+\varpi],n}[f](L)$ is a solution of the Neumann problem on \mathcal{T}_n with respect to f .*

Then we shall prove that if the negative part of a harmonic function satisfies a fast-growing condition, then its positive part satisfies the similar condition. That is to say, the condition of Theorem 1 may be replaced by a weaker integral condition. To state this result, we also need some notations.

Let \mathfrak{B}_ϖ be the set of continuous functions $f(N)$ ($N = (y', y_n)$) on \mathcal{T}_n satisfying

$$\int_{\mathcal{T}_n} |f(N)| (1 + |N|)^{1-n-\varpi-\tau(|N|)} y_n dN < +\infty. \tag{2.1}$$

By \mathfrak{C}_ϖ we denote the set of all continuous functions $h(N)$ on $\overline{\mathcal{T}_n}$, harmonic on \mathcal{T}_n with $h^-(N) \in \mathfrak{B}_\varpi$ and $h^-(y') \in \mathfrak{A}_\varpi$.

Theorem 2 *The conclusion of Theorem 1 remains valid if its condition is replaced by $h \in \mathfrak{C}_\varpi$.*

Theorem 3 *If $h \in \mathfrak{C}_\varpi$, then there exists a harmonic function $\Lambda(L)$ with normal derivative vanishes on $\partial\mathcal{T}_n$ such that*

$$h(L) = \Lambda(L) + \mathbb{H}_{[\tau(|y'|)+\varpi],n}[h](L),$$

where $L \in \overline{\mathcal{T}_n}$.

3 Lemmas

Lemma 1 *Let $L \in \mathcal{T}_n$ and $N \in \partial\mathcal{T}_n$ such that $|N| \geq \max\{1, 2|L|\}$. Then (see [7])*

$$|\mathbb{K}_{l,n}(L, N)| \leq M|N|^{-l-n+2}|L|^l,$$

where M is a positive constant.

Lemma 2 *Let $\mathbb{W}(L, N)$ ($N \in \partial\mathcal{T}_n$) be a locally integrable function for any fixed point $L \in \mathcal{T}_n$, $g(N)$ be a upper semicontinuous and locally integrable function on $\partial\mathcal{T}_n$. Set*

$$\mathbb{K}(L, N) = \mathbb{K}_{0,n}(L, N) - \mathbb{W}(L, N)$$

for any $N \in \partial\mathcal{T}_n$ and $L \in \mathcal{T}_n$.

Suppose that the following two conditions hold:

- (1) *There are a positive number R and a neighborhood $B(N^*)$ of $N^* (\in \partial\mathcal{T}_n)$ satisfying*

$$\int_{\partial\mathcal{T}_n[R,+\infty) \cup \partial\mathcal{T}_n(-\infty,-R]} |g(N)| \left| \frac{\partial}{\partial x_n} \mathbb{K}(L, N) \right| dN < \epsilon,$$

where $\epsilon > 0$.

(II) There exists a positive number R satisfying

$$\limsup_{L \rightarrow N^*, L \in \mathcal{T}_n} \int_{\partial \mathcal{T}_n(-R, R)} |g(N)| \left| \frac{\partial}{\partial x_n} \mathbb{W}(L, N) \right| dN = 0$$

for any $N^* \in \partial \mathcal{T}_n$.

Then

$$\limsup_{L \rightarrow N^* \in \partial \mathcal{T}_n, L \in \mathcal{T}_n} \int_{\partial \mathcal{T}_n} g(N) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_n} \mathbb{W}(L, N) dN \leq g(N^*). \tag{3.1}$$

Proof Let N^* be any point of $\partial \mathcal{T}_n$ and ϵ be any positive number. There exists a positive number R^* satisfying

$$\int_{\partial \mathcal{T}_n[R^*, +\infty) \cup \partial \mathcal{T}_n(-\infty, -R^*]} |g(N)| \left| \frac{\partial}{\partial x_n} \mathbb{K}(L, N) \right| dN \leq \frac{\epsilon}{2} \tag{3.2}$$

for any $L = (x', x_n) \in \mathcal{T}_n \cap B(N^*)$ from (I).

Let ϕ be a continuous function on $\partial \mathcal{T}_n$ such that $0 \leq \phi \leq 1$ and

$$\phi = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \partial \mathcal{T}_n[-R^*, R^*], \\ 0 & \text{if } \partial \mathcal{T}_n(-\infty, -2R^*) \cup \partial \mathcal{T}_n(2R^*, +\infty). \end{cases}$$

Let $\mathbb{K}_{0,n}^j(L, N)$ be the Neumann function of $\mathcal{T}_n(-j, j)$, where j is a positive integer. Since

$$\Gamma_j(L, N) = \mathbb{K}_{0,n}(L, N) - \mathbb{K}_{0,n}^j(L, N)$$

on $\mathcal{T}_n(-j, j)$ converges monotonically to 0 as $j \rightarrow \infty$, we can find an integer j^* satisfying $j^* > 2R^*$ such that

$$\int_{\partial \mathcal{T}_n(-2R^*, 2R^*)} |\phi(N)g(N)| \left| \frac{\partial}{\partial x_n} \Gamma_{j^*}(L, N) \right| d\sigma < \frac{\epsilon}{4} \tag{3.3}$$

for any $L = (x', x_n) \in B(N^*) \cap \mathcal{T}_n$.

Then we have from (3.2) and (3.3) that

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\partial \mathcal{T}_n} g(N) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_n} \mathbb{K}(L, N) dN &\leq \int_{\partial \mathcal{T}_n(-2R^*, 2R^*)} g(N) \frac{\partial \mathbb{K}_{0,n}^{j^*}(L, N)}{\partial x_n} \phi(N) dN \\ &\quad + \int_{\partial \mathcal{T}_n(-2R^*, 2R^*)} |g(N)| \left| \frac{\partial \Gamma_{j^*}(L, N)}{\partial x_n} \right| |\phi(N)| dN \\ &\quad + \int_{\partial \mathcal{T}_n(-2R^*, 2R^*)} |g(N)| \left| \frac{\partial \mathbb{W}(L, N)}{\partial x_n} \right| dN \\ &\quad + 2 \int_{\partial \mathcal{T}_n[R^*, +\infty) \cup \partial \mathcal{T}_n(-\infty, -R^*]} |g(N)| \left| \frac{\partial \mathbb{K}(L, N)}{\partial x_n} \right| dN \\ &\leq \int_{S_n(\Gamma; (-2R^*, 2R^*))} g(N) \frac{\partial \mathbb{K}_{0,n}^{j^*}(L, N)}{\partial x_n} \phi(N) dN \\ &\quad + \int_{\partial \mathcal{T}_n(-2R^*, 2R^*)} |g(N)| \left| \frac{\partial \mathbb{W}(L, N)}{\partial x_n} \right| dN + \frac{5}{4} \epsilon \end{aligned} \tag{3.4}$$

for any $L = (x', x_n) \in \mathcal{T}_n \cap B(N^*)$.

Consider an upper semicontinuous function

$$\psi(N) = \begin{cases} \phi(N)g(N) & \text{if } \partial\mathcal{T}_n[-2R^*, 2R^*], \\ 0 & \text{if } \partial\mathcal{T}_n[-j^*, j^*] - \partial\mathcal{T}_n[-2R^*, 2R^*] \end{cases}$$

on $\partial\mathcal{T}_n(-j^*, j^*)$ and denote the Perron-Wiener-Brelot solution of the Neumann problem on $\mathcal{T}_n(-j^*, j^*)$ by $\mathbb{H}_\psi(L; \mathcal{T}_n(-j^*, j^*))$. We know that

$$\int_{\partial\mathcal{T}_n(-2R^*, 2R^*)} g(N) \frac{\partial \mathbb{K}_{0,n}^{j^*}(L, N)}{\partial x_n} \phi(N) dN = \mathbb{H}_\psi(L; \mathcal{T}_n(-j^*, j^*)).$$

We also have

$$\limsup_{L \rightarrow N^*, L \in \mathcal{T}_n} \mathbb{H}_\psi(L; \mathcal{T}_n(-j^*, j^*)) \leq \limsup_{N \in \partial\mathcal{T}_n, N \rightarrow N^*} \psi(N) = g(N^*).$$

Hence we obtain

$$\limsup_{L \rightarrow N^*, L \in \mathcal{T}_n} \int_{\partial\mathcal{T}_n(-2R^*, 2R^*)} g(N) \frac{\partial \mathbb{K}_{0,n}^{j^*}(L, N)}{\partial x_n} \phi(N) dN \leq g(N^*),$$

which together with (II) and (3.4) gives (3.1). □

Lemma 3 *Let $r > 1$ and $h(N)$ ($N = (y', y_n)$) be a function harmonic on \mathcal{T}_n . Then*

$$\int_{S_n(r)} r^{-1-n} h(N) n y_n dN + \int_{\partial\mathcal{T}_n(1,r)} h(y') (|y'|^{-n} - r^{-n}) dy' = d_1 + d_2 r^{-n},$$

where

$$d_1 = \int_{S_n(1)} y_n \left((n-1)h(N) + \frac{\partial h(N)}{\partial n} \right) dN$$

and

$$d_2 = \int_{S_n(1)} y_n \left(h(N) - \frac{\partial h(N)}{\partial n} \right) dN.$$

4 Proof of Theorem 1

We have from (1.4)

$$M_1(r) \geq (2r)^{\tau(k+1)+\varpi+1} k^{\frac{2-\varpi}{2}} \tag{4.1}$$

for any $k > k_r = [2r] + 1$, where $M_1(r)$ is a positive constant dependent only on r .

We have for any $L \in \mathcal{T}_n$ and $|L| \leq R$

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{k=k_r}^{\infty} \int_{\partial\mathcal{T}_n[k,k+1]} |f(y')| (2|L|)^{[\tau(|y'|)+\varpi]} |y'|^{2-n-[\tau(|y'|)+\varpi]} dy' \\ & \leq \sum_{k=k_r}^{\infty} k^{\frac{2-\varpi}{2}} (2r)^{1+\varpi+\tau(k+1)} \int_{\partial\mathcal{T}_n[k,k+1]} 2|f(y')| (1+|y'|)^{1-n-\frac{\varpi-2}{2}-\tau(|y'|)} dy' \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq 2M_1(r) \int_{\partial\mathcal{T}_n[k_r, +\infty)} |f(y')| (1 + |y'|)^{1-n-\frac{\varpi-2}{2}-\tau(y')} dy' \\ &< +\infty \end{aligned} \tag{4.2}$$

from Lemma 1 and (1.5). So $\mathbb{H}_{[\tau(|y'|)+\varpi],n}(L)$ is absolutely convergent.

Next we shall prove that

$$\lim_{L \rightarrow N', L=(x', x_n) \in \mathcal{T}_n} \frac{\partial \mathbb{H}_{[\tau(|y'|)+\varpi],n}(L)}{\partial x_n} = h(N')$$

for any $N' = (y', 0) \in \partial\mathcal{T}_n$. By applying Lemma 2 to $-g(y')$ and $g(y')$ by setting

$$\mathbb{W}(L, N) = \mathbb{V}_{[\tau(|y'|)+\varpi],n}(L, N),$$

then we shall see that (I) and (II) hold. Take any $N' = (y', 0) \in \partial\mathcal{T}_n$ and any $\epsilon > 0$. There exists a number $R (> \max\{2(\delta + y'), 1\})$ satisfying

$$\int_{\partial\mathcal{T}_n[R, +\infty) \cup \partial\mathcal{T}_n(-\infty, -R]} |f(N)| \left| \frac{\partial}{\partial x_n} \mathbb{K}_{[\tau(|y'|)+\varpi],n}(L, N) \right| dN < \epsilon$$

for any $L \in \mathcal{T}_n \cap U(N', \delta)$ from (1.5) and (4.2), which is (I) in Lemma 2. To see (II), we only need to observe from (1.2) that for any $N' \in \partial\mathcal{T}_n$

$$\limsup_{L=(x', x_n) \rightarrow N', L \in \mathcal{T}_n} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_n} \mathbb{V}_{[\tau(|y'|)+\varpi],n}(L, N) = 0.$$

So Theorem 1 is proved.

5 Proof of Theorem 2

Lemma 2 gives

$$\begin{aligned} P_-(r) &+ \int_{\partial\mathcal{T}_n(1,r)} h^-(y') (|y'|^{-n} - r^{-n}) dy' \\ &= P_+(r) + \int_{\partial\mathcal{T}_n(1,r)} h^+(y') (|y'|^{-n} - r^{-n}) dy' - d_1 - d_2 r^{-n}, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$P_{\pm}(r) = \int_{\sigma_n(r)} n h^{\pm}(y) r^{-n-1} y_n dN.$$

Since $h \in \mathfrak{C}_{\varpi}$, we obtain by (2.1)

$$\int_1^{+\infty} P_-(r) r^{2-\varpi-\tau(r)} dr = n \int_{\mathcal{T}_n(1,+\infty)} h^-(N) y_n |N|^{1-\varpi-n-\tau(|N|)} dN < +\infty. \tag{5.1}$$

We have by (1.5)

$$\begin{aligned} &\int_1^{+\infty} r^{2-\varpi-\tau(r)} \left(\int_{\partial\mathcal{T}_n(1,r)} h^-(y') (|y'|^{-n} - r^{-n}) dy' \right) dr \\ &= \int_{\partial\mathcal{T}_n(1,+\infty)} h^-(y') \left(\int_{|y'|}^{\infty} r^{2-\varpi-\tau(r)} (|y'|^{-n} - r^{-n}) dr \right) dy' \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq \frac{n}{n+1} \int_{\partial\mathcal{T}_n(1,+\infty)} h^-(y') |y'|^{3-\varpi-n-\tau(|y'|)} dy' \\ &< +\infty. \end{aligned} \tag{5.2}$$

From (5.1), (5.2) and Lemma 2, we see that

$$\begin{aligned} &\int_1^{+\infty} r^{\frac{2-\varpi}{2}-\tau(r)} \left(\int_{\partial\mathcal{T}_n(1,r)} h^+(y') (|y'|^{-n} - r^{-n}) dy' \right) dr \\ &= \int_{\partial\mathcal{T}_n(1,+\infty)} h^+(y') \left(\int_{|y'|}^{\infty} r^{\frac{2-\varpi}{2}-\tau(r)} (|y'|^{-n} - r^{-n}) dr \right) dy' \\ &\leq \int_1^{+\infty} P_-(r) r^{\frac{2-\varpi}{2}-\tau(r)} dr - \int_1^{+\infty} r^{\frac{2-\varpi}{2}-\tau(r)} (d_1 + d_2 r^{-n}) dr \\ &\quad + \int_1^{+\infty} r^{\frac{2-\varpi}{2}-\tau(r)} \left(\int_{\partial\mathcal{T}_n(1,r)} h^-(y') (|y'|^{-n} - r^{-n}) dy' \right) dr \\ &< +\infty. \end{aligned} \tag{5.3}$$

Set

$$\mathbb{Q}(\varpi) = \lim_{|y'| \rightarrow \infty} \int_{|y'|}^{\infty} r^{\frac{2-\varpi}{2}-\tau(r)} (|y'|^{-n} - r^{-n}) dr |y'|^{-3+\varpi+n+\tau(|y'|)}.$$

It is easy to see that

$$\mathbb{Q}(\varpi) = +\infty,$$

from (1.4), which shows that

$$M_2 |y'|^{3-\varpi-n-\tau(|y'|)} \leq \int_{|y'|}^{\infty} r^{\frac{2-\varpi}{2}-\tau(r)} (|y'|^{-n} - r^{-n}) dr$$

for any $|y'| \geq 1$, where M_2 is a positive constant.

It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} &M_2 \int_{\partial\mathcal{T}_n(1,+\infty)} h^+(y') |y'|^{3-\varpi-n-\tau(|y'|)} dx' \\ &\leq \int_{\partial\mathcal{T}_n(1,+\infty)} h^+(y') \int_{|y'|}^{\infty} r^{\frac{2-\varpi}{2}-\tau(r)} (|y'|^{-n} - r^{-n}) dr dy' \\ &< +\infty \end{aligned}$$

from (5.3).

Then Theorem 2 is proved from $|h| = h^+ + h^-$.

6 Proof of Theorem 3

Put $h'(L) = h(L) - \mathbb{H}_{[\tau(|y'|)+\varpi],n}(L)$. Then it is easy to see that $h'(L)$ is harmonic on \mathcal{T}_n with normal derivative vanishes on $\partial\mathcal{T}_n$ and $h'(L)$ can be continuously extended to $\overline{\mathcal{T}_n}$. By applying the Schwarz reflection principle [8], p.68, to $h'(L)$, it follows that there is a function harmonic on \mathcal{T}_n satisfying $h(L^*) = -h'(L) = -(h(L) - \mathbb{H}_{[\tau(|y'|)+\varpi],n}(L))$ for $L \in \overline{\mathcal{T}_n}$, where $*$

denotes reflection in $\partial\mathcal{T}_n$ just as $L^* = (x', -x_n)$. Thus $h(L) = \Lambda(L) + \mathbb{H}_{[\tau(|y'|)+\varpi],n}(L)$ for all $L \in \overline{\mathcal{T}}_n$, where $\Lambda(L)$ is a harmonic function on \mathcal{T}_n with normal derivative which vanishes continuously on $\partial\mathcal{T}_n$. Theorem 3 is proved.

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