

## A TOPOLOGICAL PROPERTY OF PRIVALOV SPACES ON THE UNIT DISK

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**Abstract.** For  $1 < p < \infty$ , the Privalov class  $N^p$  consists of all holomorphic functions  $f$  on the open unit disk  $\mathbb{D}$  of the complex plane  $\mathbb{C}$  such that

$$\sup_{0 \leq r < 1} \int_0^{2\pi} (\log^+ |f(re^{i\theta})|)^p \frac{d\theta}{2\pi} < +\infty.$$

M. Stoll [19] showed that the space  $N^p$  with the topology given by the metric  $d_p$  defined as

$$d_p(f, g) = \left( \int_0^{2\pi} (\log(1 + |f^*(e^{i\theta}) - g^*(e^{i\theta})|))^p \frac{d\theta}{2\pi} \right)^{1/p}, \quad f, g \in N^p,$$

becomes an  $F$ -algebra, that is, an  $F$ -space (a complete metrizable topological vector space with the invariant metric) in which multiplication is continuous. In this paper we prove that for any  $1 < p < \infty$  the space  $N^p$  is not locally bounded with respect to the topology induced by the metric  $d_p$ . The proof of this result is based on a characterization of multipliers from the spaces  $N^p$  ( $1 < p < \infty$ ) to the Hardy spaces  $H^q$  ( $0 < q \leq \infty$ ).

### 1 INTRODUCTION AND THE MAIN RESULT

Let  $\mathbb{D}$  denote the open unit disk in the complex plane and let  $\mathbb{T}$  denote the boundary of  $\mathbb{D}$ . Let  $L^p(\mathbb{T})$  ( $0 < p \leq \infty$ ) be the familiar Lebesgue spaces on the unit circle  $\mathbb{T}$ . The

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*Privalov class*  $N^p$  ( $1 < p < \infty$ ) consists of all holomorphic functions  $f$  on  $\mathbb{D}$  for which

$$\sup_{0 < r < 1} \int_0^{2\pi} (\log^+ |f(re^{i\theta})|)^p \frac{d\theta}{2\pi} < +\infty,$$

where  $\log^+ a = \max\{\log a, 0\}$  for  $a > 0$  and  $\log^+ 0 = 0$ . These classes were first introduced by I.I. Privalov [17, p. 93], where  $N^p$  is denoted as  $A_q$ .

Notice that the above condition with  $p = 1$  defines the *Nevanlinna class*  $N$  of holomorphic functions in  $\mathbb{D}$  (see, e.g., [3]). Furthermore, the *Smirnov class*  $N^+$  is the set of all functions  $f$  holomorphic on  $\mathbb{D}$  such that

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow 1} \int_0^{2\pi} \log^+ |f(re^{i\theta})| \frac{d\theta}{2\pi} = \int_0^{2\pi} \log^+ |f^*(e^{i\theta})| \frac{d\theta}{2\pi} < +\infty,$$

where  $f^*$  is the boundary function of  $f$  on  $T$ , i.e.,

$$f^*(e^{i\theta}) = \lim_{r \rightarrow 1} f(re^{i\theta})$$

is the radial limit of  $f$  which exists for almost every  $e^{i\theta}$ .

Recall that we denote by  $H^q$  ( $0 < q \leq \infty$ ) the classical *Hardy space* on  $\mathbb{D}$ , defined as the set of all holomorphic functions  $f$  on  $\mathbb{D}$  for which

$$\|f\|_q^{\max\{1, q\}} := \sup_{0 < r < 1} \int_0^{2\pi} |f(re^{i\theta})|^q \frac{d\theta}{2\pi} < +\infty.$$

Further,  $H^\infty$  is the *space of all bounded holomorphic functions* on  $\mathbb{D}$  with the supremum norm  $\|\cdot\|_\infty$  defined as

$$\|f\|_\infty = \sup_{z \in \mathbb{D}} |f(z)|, \quad f \in H^\infty.$$

We refer [3] for a good reference on the spaces  $H^q$  and  $N^+$ .

It is known (see [16]) that

$$N^q \subset N^p \ (q > p), \quad \cup_{p>0} H^p \subset \cap_{p>1} N^p, \quad \text{and} \quad \cup_{p>1} N^p \subset N^+,$$

where the above containment relations are proper.

The study of the spaces  $N^p$  ( $1 < p < \infty$ ) was continued in 1977 by M. Stoll [19] (with the notation  $(\log^+ H)^\alpha$  in [19]). Further, the topological and functional properties of these spaces were studied by C.M. Eoff ([4] and [5]), N. Mochizuki [16], Y. Iida and N. Mochizuki [6], Y. Matsugu [7], J.S. Choa [1], J.S. Choa and H.O. Kim [2], A.K. Sharma and S.-I. Ueki [18], and in works [8]–[15] of authors of this paper; typically, the notation varied and Privalov was mentioned in [7], [13], [14], [15] and [18]. For example, it is proved in [9, Theorem] that the space  $N^p$  ( $1 < p < \infty$ ) does not have the Hahn-Banach approximation property, and hence it does not have the Hahn-Banach separation property. Furthermore, the spaces  $N^p$  are not locally convex [9, Corollary].

In particular, the functional, topological and algebraic properties of the spaces  $N^p$  and their Fréchet envelopes were recently investigated in [10], [13] and [15].

Stoll [19, Theorem 4.2] showed that the space  $N^p$  (with the notation  $(\log^+ H)^\alpha$  in [19]) with the topology given by the metric  $d_p$  defined by

$$d_p(f, g) = \left( \int_0^{2\pi} (\log(1 + |f^*(e^{i\theta}) - g^*(e^{i\theta})|))^p \frac{d\theta}{2\pi} \right)^{1/p}, \quad f, g \in N^p, \quad (1)$$

becomes an  $F$ -algebra, that is, a topological vector space whose topology is given by a complete, translation invariant metric in which multiplication is continuous.

It was also investigated in [19] the containing Fréchet space  $F_{1/p}$  for  $N^p$  with  $p > 1$ . It is proved in [19, Corollary 4.4] that the restriction of every continuous linear functional on  $F_{1/p}$  to  $N^p$  forms a continuous linear functional on  $N^p$ . It remained an open question whether the spaces  $N^p$  and  $F_{1/p}$  have the same dual spaces, in the sense that every continuous linear functional on  $N^p$  is a restriction to one on  $F_{1/p}$ . In 1999 R. Meštrović and A.V. Subbotin [14, Theorem 2] gave a positive answer to this question. In order to prove a complete characterization of a *topological dual space* of  $N^p$  (the set of all linear functionals that are continuous with respect to the metric topology  $d_p$ ) it was used a description of multipliers from the spaces  $N^p$  to the Hardy spaces  $H^q$  ( $0 < q \leq \infty$ ) established in [14, Theorem 1].

Let  $p > 1$  and  $0 < q \leq \infty$  be arbitrary fixed. A sequence  $\{\lambda_n\}_{n=0}^\infty := \{\lambda_n\}$  of complex numbers is said to be a *multiplier* from the space  $N^p$  to the Hardy space  $H^q$  if for each function  $f \in N^p$  with the Taylor expansion  $f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^\infty a_n z^n$ , the function  $g$  defined on  $\mathbb{D}$  as  $g(z) = \sum_{n=0}^\infty \lambda_n a_n z^n$  belongs to  $H^q$ . According to this definition, every multiplier  $\{\lambda_n\}$  from  $N^p$  to  $H^q$  can be considered as an induced linear operator  $\Lambda$  from  $N^p$  to  $H^q$  defined as

$$\Lambda : \sum_{n=0}^\infty a_n z^n \mapsto \sum_{n=0}^\infty \lambda_n a_n z^n. \quad (2)$$

**Theorem A** ([14, Theorem 1]; also see [8, Chapter 2, Section 2.2, Theorem 2.3]). *Suppose  $\{\lambda_n\}$  is a multiplier from  $N^p$  to the Hardy space  $H^q$  ( $0 < q \leq \infty$ ). Then the linear operator  $\Lambda$  defined from  $N^p$  to  $H^q$  by (2) is continuous. Thus,  $\Lambda$  maps bounded subsets of  $N^p$  into bounded subsets of  $H^q$ .*

The characterization of multipliers from the spaces  $N^p$  to the spaces  $H^q$  given in [14] can be reformulated as follows.

**Theorem B** ([14, Theorem 1]). *Let  $0 < q \leq \infty$  and  $1 < p < \infty$ . In order that a sequence  $\{\lambda_k\}$  of complex numbers to be a multiplier from  $N^p$  into  $H^q$ , it is necessary and sufficient that*

$$\lambda_k = O\left(\exp(-ck^{1/(p+1)})\right) \quad (3)$$

for some positive constant  $c$ .

*Remark.* Note that the assumption of Theorem B contains  $q$ , but this is not the case for the growth estimate (3).

Notice that the proof of Theorem A given in [14] is based on Lemmas 1–3 from [14] by using Yanagigara’s technique applied in [20] for characterizing multipliers from  $N^+$  to the Hardy spaces  $H^q$ .

Recall that a subset  $L$  of a topological vector space  $X$  is *bounded* if for every neighborhood  $V$  of zero there is a  $\alpha_0 > 0$  such that  $\alpha L \subset V$  for all  $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$  such that  $|\alpha| \leq \alpha_0$ . Furthermore, a topological vector space  $X$  is *locally bounded* if it does not contain none base of neighborhood of zero consisting only bounded sets. Theorems A and B are used here to prove the following result (see [8, Chapter 2, Section 2.3, Corollary 3.1]).

**Theorem 1.1.** *The space  $N^p$  is not locally bounded. This means that none ball  $B(c) = \{f \in N^p : d_p(f, 0) < c\}$  is not bounded subset of  $N^p$ .*

## 2 PROOF OF THEOREM 1.1

Proof of Theorem 1.1 is based on the following six lemmas.

**Lemma 2.1.** *If a sequence of functions in  $N^p$  converges with respect to the metric  $d_p$ , then this sequence converges uniformly on each compact subset of the unit disk  $\mathbb{D}$ .*

*Proof.* The assertion immediately follows from the inequality (2) in [16] given for  $f \in N^p$  by

$$\log(1 + |f(z)|) \leq 2^{1/p} d_p(f, 0) (1 - |z|)^{-1/p} \quad (z \in \mathbb{D}).$$

□

**Lemma 2.2.** ([3, Theorem 6.4, p. 98]). *Suppose*

$$f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n z^n \in H^q, \quad 0 < q \leq 1.$$

*Then*

$$a_n = o(n^{1/q-1}), \tag{4}$$

*as well as*

$$|a_n| \leq C n^{1/q-1} \|f\|_q. \tag{5}$$

**Lemma 2.3.** *Suppose  $\{\lambda_n\}$  is a multiplier from  $N^p$  to the Hardy space  $H^q$  ( $0 < q \leq \infty$ ). Then the linear operator  $\Lambda$  defined from  $N^p$  to  $H^q$  by (2) is continuous. Thus,  $\Lambda$  maps bounded subsets of  $N^p$  into bounded subsets of  $H^q$ .*

*Proof.* According to Lemma 2.1, if a sequence  $\{f_n\}$  in  $N^p$  converges to some function  $f \in N^p$  in  $N^p$ , then  $\{f_n(z)\}$  converges uniformly to  $f(z)$  on each compact subset  $|z| \leq r < 1$ . Hence, if  $f_n(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k^{(n)} z^k$  and  $f(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k z^k$ , then

$$a_k^{(n)} \rightarrow a_k \quad (k = 0, 1, \dots), \quad \text{if } f_n \rightarrow f \text{ in } N^p \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty. \tag{6}$$

Let  $g_n(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} b_k^{(n)} z^k$  be a sequence in  $H^q$  and let  $g(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} b_k z^k$  be a function in  $H^q$  such that  $g_n \rightarrow g$  in  $H^q$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . By [2, the inequality (9) in Theorem 6.4], we see that

$b_k^{(n)} \rightarrow b_k$  ( $k = 0, 1, \dots$ ) as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . This together with (6) immediately yields that  $\Lambda$  is a closed operator. Hence, by the Closed Graph Theorem,  $\Lambda$  is a continuous operator, and so  $\Lambda$  maps bounded subsets of  $N^p$  onto bounded subsets of  $H^q$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 2.4.** ([20, Lemma 2 and Remark 3]). *Let*

$$\exp\left(\frac{c}{2} \cdot \frac{1+z}{1-z}\right) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n(c) z^n, \quad 0 < c \leq 1.$$

Then

$$\log |a_n(c)| \geq \sqrt{cn} + O(\log n) + O(\log c)$$

In particular, if  $\{c_k^*\}$  is a sequence of positive numbers such that

$$\frac{1}{k^{1/(p+1)}} \leq c_k^* \leq 1,$$

then

$$\log |a_k(c_k^*)| \geq \sqrt{c_k^* k} (1 + o(1)). \quad (7)$$

**Lemma 2.5.** *Let  $\{c_k\}$  and  $\{r_k\}$  be sequences of positive numbers such that  $c_k \downarrow 0$  and  $r_k \uparrow 1$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$  and  $r_k \geq 1/2$ ,  $k = 1, 2, \dots$ . Define*

$$f_k(z) = \exp\left(c_k(1-r_k)^{1-1/p} \frac{1+r_k z}{1-r_k z}\right), \quad z \in \mathbb{D}, \quad k = 1, 2, \dots$$

Then a sequence of functions  $\{f_k\}$  ( $k = 1, 2, \dots$ ), is a bounded subset of  $N^p$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\{\varepsilon_k\}$  and  $\{\delta_k\}$  be sequences of positive numbers such that  $\varepsilon_k \downarrow 0$ ,  $\delta_k \downarrow 0$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$  and

$$\frac{1-r_k^2}{1+r_k^2-2r \cos \theta} \leq 1 \quad \text{for } |\theta| \geq \varepsilon_k \quad \text{and } r \geq r_k, \quad \text{for all } k = 1, 2, \dots \quad (8)$$

For given neighborhood

$$V = \{g \in N^p : d_p(g, 0) < \eta\}$$

of zero in  $N^p$ , choose  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  for which

$$\log^p(1+\delta_m) + 2^p \pi^{-1} \varepsilon_m \log^p 2 + 2^{p-1} C c_m^p < \eta^p, \quad (9)$$

where  $C$  is a positive constant also satisfying (11). Next assume  $\alpha_0$ ,  $0 < \alpha_0 < 1$ , such that

$$\alpha_0 \exp \frac{1+r_m}{1-r_m} \leq \delta_m, \quad \text{and thus } \alpha_0 e \leq \delta_m. \quad (10)$$

Then for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $k \leq m$  holds

$$|\alpha_0 f_k^*(e^{i\theta})| \leq \alpha_0 \exp \frac{1+r_k}{1-r_k} \leq \delta_m,$$

whence by (10) and (9), for  $0 < \alpha \leq \alpha_0$  and  $k \leq m$  we obtain

$$d_p(\alpha f_k, 0) \leq \log(1+\delta_m) < \eta.$$

Therefore,  $\alpha f_k \in V$  for all  $k \leq m$  and  $0 < \alpha \leq \alpha_0$ . By the inequality  $\sin x \geq (2/\pi)x$  for  $0 \leq x \leq \pi/2$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} 1 - 2r \cos \theta + r^2 &= (1 - r)^2 + 4r \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \\ &\geq (1 - r)^2 + (4r/\pi^2)\theta^2. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, for  $r_k \geq 1/2$  we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} &\int_{|\theta| < \varepsilon_k} (\log^+ |f_k^*(e^{i\theta})|)^p \frac{d\theta}{2\pi} \\ &= c_k^p (1 - r_k)^{p-1} \int_{|\theta| < \varepsilon_k} \left( \frac{1 - r_k^2}{1 + r_k^2 - 2r_k \cos \theta} \right)^p \frac{d\theta}{2\pi} \\ &< 2^p \pi^{-1} c_k^p \int_0^\infty \frac{dt}{(1 + 2\pi^{-2}t^2)^p} \quad \left( t = \frac{\theta}{1 - r_k} \right) \\ &= C c_k^p, \end{aligned} \tag{11}$$

where the constant  $C$  does not depend on  $k$ . Now from (8), (9), (11) and the inequality  $\log^p(1 + |x|) \leq 2^{p-1} ((\log 2)^p + (\log^+ |x|)^p)$ , we find that for all  $k > m$  and  $0 < \alpha \leq \alpha_0$

$$\begin{aligned} (d_p(\alpha f_k, 0))^p &= \int_0^{2\pi} \log^p(1 + |\alpha f_k^*(e^{i\theta})|) \frac{d\theta}{2\pi} \\ &= \int_{|\theta| \geq \varepsilon_k} + \int_{|\theta| < \varepsilon_k} \\ &\leq \log^p(1 + \alpha\varepsilon) + 2^{p-1} \int_{|\theta| < \varepsilon_k} (\log^p 2 + (\log^+ |f_k^*(e^{i\theta})|)^p) \frac{d\theta}{2\pi} \\ &\leq \log^p(1 + \delta_m) + 2^p \pi^{-1} \varepsilon_m \log^p 2 + 2^{p-1} C c_m^p \\ &< \eta^p. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $\{\alpha f_k\} \subset V$  for every  $0 < \alpha < \alpha_0$ . This shows that the sequence  $\{f_k\}$  forms a bounded set in  $N^p$ .  $\square$

*Remark.* Similarly, we can prove the converse of Lemma 2.5, i.e., if a sequence  $\{f_k\}$  is a bounded subset of  $N^p$  and  $r_k \uparrow 1$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$  and  $c_k > 0$ , then  $c_k \rightarrow 0$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ .

**Lemma 2.6.** *Let  $0 < q \leq \infty$  and  $1 < p < \infty$ . Let  $\{c_k\}$  and  $\{r_k\}$  be sequences of positive numbers such that  $c_k \downarrow 0$  and  $r_k \uparrow 1$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$  and  $r_k \geq 1/2$  for all  $k = 1, 2, \dots$ . Let  $\{f_k\}$*

be a sequence of functions defined as

$$\begin{aligned} f_k(z) &= \exp\left(c_k(1-r_k)^{1-1/p} \frac{1+r_k z}{1-r_k z}\right) \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n^{(k)} r_k^n z^n, \quad k = 1, 2, \dots \end{aligned}$$

Suppose that  $\{\lambda_k\}$  is a multiplier from  $N^p$  into  $H^q$ , and let  $\Lambda$  be a linear operator from  $N^p$  to  $H^q$  defined by (2). If a sequence  $\{\Lambda(f_k)\}$  is a bounded set in  $H^q$  by a constant  $L$ , then for all  $n = 1, 2, \dots$

$$|\lambda_n a_n^{(k)}| r_k^n \leq \begin{cases} C_q L n^{-1+1/q} & \text{for } 0 < q < 1, \\ C_q L & \text{for } 1 \leq q \leq \infty, \end{cases} \quad (12)$$

where  $C_q$  is a positive constant depending only on  $q$ .

*Proof.* Under conditions on sequences  $\{c_k\}$  and  $\{r_k\}$  from Lemma 2.6, it follows by Lemma 2.5 that the sequence of functions  $\{f_k\}$  defined as

$$\begin{aligned} f_k(z) &= \exp\left(c_k(1-r_k)^{1-1/p} \frac{1+r_k z}{1-r_k z}\right) \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n^{(k)} r_k^n z^n, \quad k = 1, 2, \dots \end{aligned}$$

forms a bounded subset of  $N^p$ . Since by Lemma 2.3, the operator  $\Lambda$  is continuous, we conclude that the sequence  $\{\Lambda(f_k)\}$  must be a bounded set in  $H^q$ . Assume that the sequence  $\{\Lambda(f_k)\}$  is a bounded set in the space  $H^q$  by a constant  $L$ . As

$$\Lambda(f_k) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \lambda_n a_n^{(k)} r_k^n z^n,$$

from Lemma 2.2 and ([3, Theorem 6.1, p. 94]), for all  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$  we obtain

$$|\lambda_n a_n^{(k)}| r_k^n \leq \begin{cases} C_q L n^{-1+1/q} & \text{for } 0 < q < 1, \\ C_q L & \text{for } 1 \leq q \leq \infty, \end{cases}$$

where  $C_q$  is a positive constant depending only on  $q$ . The above inequality is in fact the desired inequality (12).  $\square$

We are now ready to prove Theorem 1.1.

*Proof of Theorem 1.1.* From the proof of the inequality (11) of Lemma 2.5 it follows that there is a positive constant  $b$  depending only on  $p$ , such that for the Poisson kernel  $P_r(\theta, t) = (1-r^2)/(1+r^2-2r\cos(\theta-t))$  holds

$$\int_0^{2\pi} (P_r(\theta, t))^p \frac{d\theta}{2\pi} \leq \frac{b}{(1-r)^{p-1}}. \quad (13)$$

Suppose that a ball  $B(c)$  with radius  $c$  is bounded in  $N^p$ . Then choose numbers  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,  $\delta > 0$  and  $a > 0$  such that

$$0 < \varepsilon^p + 2^{p-1}(\log 2)^p \varepsilon \pi^{-1}(1 + 2^{p-1}) + 4^{p-1} a^{2p} b < c^p, \quad (14)$$

$$|e^\xi - 1| < \varepsilon \quad \text{whenever} \quad |\xi| < \delta, \quad (15)$$

and

$$\frac{2a^2}{\sin \varepsilon} < \delta. \quad (16)$$

Define the function  $f_r$  on  $\mathbb{D}$  as

$$f_r(z) = \exp\left(a^2(1-r)^{\frac{p-1}{p}} \frac{1+rz}{1-rz}\right) - 1 \quad \text{for each} \quad 0 < r < 1. \quad (17)$$

It is obvious that each function  $f_r$  with  $0 < r < 1$  is a bounded holomorphic function on  $\mathbb{D}$ , and hence  $f_r$  belongs to  $N^p$ . Moreover, if  $z = \rho e^{i\theta}$  for  $|\theta| \geq \varepsilon$ , then  $|1-rz| \geq \sin|\theta| \geq \sin \varepsilon$ . From this together with (15) we obtain

$$a^2(1-r)^{\frac{p-1}{p}} \left| \frac{1+rz}{1-rz} \right| < \frac{2a^2}{|1-rz|} \leq \frac{2a^2}{\sin \varepsilon} < \delta. \quad (18)$$

Using the inequality  $(\log^+ |x-1|)^p \leq 2^{p-1}((\log^+ |x|)^p + (\log 2)^p)$  and the fact that

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{Re} \left( \frac{1+re^{i\theta}}{1-re^{i\theta}} \right) &= \frac{1-r^2}{1-2r \cos \theta + r^2} \\ &= P_r(\theta, 0), \end{aligned}$$

we find that

$$(\log^+ |f_r(e^{i\theta})|)^p \leq 2^{p-1} (a^{2p}(1-r)^{p-1} (P_r(\theta, 0))^p + (\log 2)^p). \quad (19)$$

Further, by (13)–(19) and the inequality

$$\log^p(1+|x|) \leq 2^{p-1} ((\log 2)^p + (\log^+ |x|)^p),$$

we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 (d_p(f_r, 0))^p &= \int_0^{2\pi} \log^p(1 + |f_r(e^{i\theta})|) \frac{d\theta}{2\pi} \\
 &= \int_{|\theta| \geq \varepsilon} + \int_{|\theta| < \varepsilon} \\
 &< \log^p(1 + \varepsilon) \\
 &\quad + 2^{p-1} \times \left( \int_{|\theta| < \varepsilon} (\log 2)^p \frac{d\theta}{2\pi} + \int_{|\theta| < \varepsilon} (\log^+ |f_r(e^{i\theta})|)^p \frac{d\theta}{2\pi} \right) \\
 &\leq \varepsilon^p + 2^{p-1} (\log 2)^p \varepsilon \pi^{-1} + 2^{p-1} 2^{p-1} \\
 &\quad \times \left( a^{2p} (1-r)^{p-1} \int_{|\theta| < \varepsilon} (P_r(\theta, 0))^p \frac{d\theta}{2\pi} + \int_{|\theta| < \varepsilon} (\log 2)^p \frac{d\theta}{2\pi} \right) \\
 &\leq \varepsilon^p + 2^{p-1} (\log 2)^p \varepsilon \pi^{-1} (1 + 2^{p-1}) + 4^{p-1} a^{2p} b < c^p.
 \end{aligned}$$

From the above inequality we see that  $\{f_r : 0 \leq r < 1\} \subset B(c)$ . Therefore, the assumption that the ball  $B(c)$  is bounded in  $N^p$ , by Lemma 2.3, it follows that every multiplier  $\Lambda = \{\lambda_n\}$  maps the set  $\{f_r : 0 \leq r < 1\}$  to some bounded subset of  $H^\infty$ . Hence, if  $f_r(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n r^n z^n$ ,  $z \in \mathbb{D}$ , then the estimate (12) yields

$$|\lambda_n a_n r^n| \leq L = L(\Lambda) \quad (20)$$

for each  $r$  with  $0 \leq r < 1$ , where  $L$  is a positive constant depending on  $\Lambda$ . Using the notations from Lemma 2.4, by this lemma we have

$$|a_n| = a_n \left( 2a^2(1-r)^{\frac{p-1}{p}} \right) \geq \exp \left( a(1-r)^{\frac{p-1}{2p}} \sqrt{2n}(1+o(1)) \right) \quad (21)$$

for a constant  $a$  satisfying the conditions (13)–(15). Therefore, (20) and (21) immediately imply that

$$|\lambda_n| \leq L r^{-n} \exp \left( -a(1-r)^{\frac{p-1}{2p}} \sqrt{2n}(1+o(1)) \right) \quad \text{for each } 0 \leq r < 1.$$

By setting  $r = 1 - a^2/n^{\frac{p}{p+1}}$ , from the previous inequality we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 |\lambda_n| &\leq L \left(1 - \frac{a^2}{n^{\frac{p}{p+1}}}\right)^{-n} \exp\left(-a \frac{a\sqrt{2}}{n^{\frac{p-1}{2(p+1)}}} \sqrt{n}(1 + o(1))\right) \\
 &\leq L \left(\left(1 - \frac{a^2}{n^{\frac{p}{p+1}}}\right)^{-\frac{n^{\frac{p}{p+1}}}{a^2}}\right)^{a^2 n^{\frac{1}{p+1}}} \exp\left(-a^2 \sqrt{2} n^{\frac{1}{p+1}}\right) \\
 &\leq L \exp\left(a^2 n^{\frac{1}{p+1}(1+o(1))}\right) \exp\left(-a^2 \sqrt{2} n^{\frac{1}{p+1}}\right) \\
 &= L \exp\left(-a^2(\sqrt{2} - 1)n^{\frac{1}{p+1}}(1 + o(1))\right) \\
 &< L \exp\left(-0.3a^2 n^{\frac{1}{p+1}}\right).
 \end{aligned}$$

This shows that every multiplier  $\Lambda = \{\lambda_n\}$  from  $N^p$  into  $H^q$  satisfies the condition

$$\lambda_n = O\left(\exp\left(-0.3a^2 n^{\frac{1}{p+1}}\right)\right). \quad (22)$$

On the other hand, the sequence  $\Lambda^* = \{\lambda_n^*\}$  defined as  $\lambda_n^* = \exp\left(-0.2a^2 n^{\frac{1}{p+1}}\right)$  ( $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ ) is by Theorem B, also a multiplier from  $N^p$  into  $H^q$ . This contradicts (22), and the proof of Theorem 1.1 is now complete.  $\square$

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