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## New characterizations of $\mathcal{N}(p, q, s)$ spaces on the unit ball of $\mathbb{C}^n$

ABSTRACT. In this note we provide Holland–Walsh-type characterizations for functions on the  $\mathcal{N}(p, q, s)$  spaces on the unit ball for specific values of  $p \geq 1$ . Characterizations for the holomorphic function spaces  $\mathcal{N}(p, q, s)$  were studied extensively by B. Hu and S. Li.

**1. Introduction and notation.** Given  $z = (z_1, \dots, z_n) \in \mathbb{C}^n$  we write  $|z|^2 = |z_1|^2 + \dots + |z_n|^2 = \langle z, z \rangle$ , where  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  denotes the usual inner product that induces the Euclidean norm in  $\mathbb{C}^n$ . Let  $\mathbb{B}$  denote the open unit ball in  $\mathbb{C}^n$ , that is  $\mathbb{B} = \{z \in \mathbb{C}^n : |z| < 1\}$ . The class of holomorphic functions on the unit ball will be denoted by  $\text{Hol}(\mathbb{B})$ . We denote by  $dV(z)$  the usual volume measure normalized over the unit ball and set

$$dV_\alpha(z) = \frac{\Gamma(n + \alpha + 1)}{n! \Gamma(\alpha + 1)} (1 - |z|^2)^\alpha dV(z), \quad \alpha \geq -1$$

where  $\Gamma(\cdot)$  is the standard Gamma function. Throughout the whole paper by  $\Phi_a(z)$  we denote the involutive automorphisms of the unit ball. We have an explicit representation of such functions for  $a \in \mathbb{B} \setminus \{0\}$ , given by the following formula:

$$\Phi_a(z) = \frac{a - P_a z - s_a Q_a z}{1 - \langle z, a \rangle}, \quad z \in \mathbb{B},$$

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where  $s_a = \sqrt{1 - |a|^2}P_a$ ,  $P_a = \frac{\langle z, a \rangle}{|a|^2}$  is the orthogonal projection of  $z$  onto the space spanned by  $a$  and  $Q_a = I - P_a$ . For more details the reader can consult [8].

Now we define the Möbius invariant measure by

$$d\lambda(z) = (1 - |z|^2)^{-n-1}dV(z).$$

It is called Möbius invariant because of the following equality:

$$\int_{\mathbb{B}} f(z)d\lambda(z) = \int_{\mathbb{B}} f \circ \Phi_a(z)d\lambda(z).$$

Also, by  $\nabla f$  we denote the complex gradient of a holomorphic function  $f$ , that is

$$\nabla f(z) = \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial z_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial f}{\partial z_n} \right)$$

and by  $\tilde{\nabla} f$  the Möbius invariant gradient, that is

$$\tilde{\nabla} f(z) = \nabla(f \circ \Phi_z)(0).$$

Furthermore, by  $\mathcal{R}f(z)$  we denote the radial derivative of  $f$ , that is

$$\mathcal{R}f(z) = \sum_{k=1}^n z_k \frac{\partial f}{\partial z_k}.$$

Lastly, whenever we encounter the notation  $a \asymp b$ , we simply mean that there exist two positive constants  $C_1, C_2$  such that  $C_1 a \leq b \leq C_2 a$ .

**2. Definitions and tools.** In this section we give the definition of the  $\mathcal{N}(p, q, s)$  spaces and some known characterizations. These will constitute our main tools for proving our results.

**Definition 1.** Let  $f \in \text{Hol}(\mathbb{B})$ . For  $p \geq 1$ ,  $q > 0$ ,  $s > 0$  we define the holomorphic function spaces  $\mathcal{N}(p, q, s)$ , or  $\mathcal{N}_{q,s}^p$  by:

$$\mathcal{N}_{q,s}^p = \left\{ f \in \text{Hol}(\mathbb{B}) : \sup_{a \in \mathbb{B}} \int_{\mathbb{B}} |f(z)|^p (1 - |z|^2)^q (1 - |\Phi_a(z)|^2)^{ns} d\lambda(z) < +\infty \right\}.$$

For different values of the parameters  $p, q, s$  we obtain different function spaces. The reader can check [2] for such examples and more details about the  $\mathcal{N}(p, q, s)$  spaces. For instance, if we could allow  $\mathcal{N}(2, 0, s)$ ,  $\frac{n-1}{n} < s < 1$  we would receive the classical  $Q_s$  spaces and if the parameter  $s$  satisfied  $1 < s < \frac{n}{n-1}$ , then we would receive the Bloch space  $\mathcal{B}$  on the unit ball. By definition, we are not allowed to do so, and this shows that the theory of  $Q_s$  spaces is completely independent of the one of  $\mathcal{N}(p, q, s)$  spaces. We recall some basic information about the mentioned function spaces. It is already known that for  $p \geq 1$ ,  $q, s > 0$  the set of polynomials is dense in  $\mathcal{N}(p, q, s)$ , if and only if  $ns + q > n$ . Also for  $p \geq 1$ ,  $q, s > 0$  we know that these spaces

are functional Banach spaces. For the purpose of our work, we will now mention some known characterizations.

**Theorem 2.1.** *Let  $f \in \text{Hol}(\mathbb{B})$ ,  $p \geq 1$ ,  $q > 0$  and  $s > \max\{0, 1 - \frac{q}{n}\}$ . Then  $f \in \mathcal{N}(p, q, s)$  if and only if any of the following conditions holds:*

$$I_1 = \sup_{a \in \mathbb{B}} \int_{\mathbb{B}} |\nabla f(z)|^p (1 - |z|^2)^{p+q} (1 - |\Phi_a(z)|^2)^{ns} d\lambda(z) < +\infty,$$

$$I_2 = \sup_{a \in \mathbb{B}} \int_{\mathbb{B}} |\widetilde{\nabla} f(z)|^p (1 - |z|^2)^q (1 - |\Phi_a(z)|^2)^{ns} d\lambda(z) < +\infty,$$

$$I_3 = \sup_{a \in \mathbb{B}} \int_{\mathbb{B}} |\mathcal{R}f(z)|^p (1 - |z|^2)^{p+q} (1 - |\Phi_a(z)|^2)^{ns} d\lambda(z) < +\infty.$$

**Proof.** The proofs for all of the 3 characterizations can be found in [3].  $\square$

The next theorem that we will state is of particular interest for us.

**Theorem 2.2.** *Suppose  $f \in \text{Hol}(\mathbb{B})$ ,  $p \geq 1$ ,  $q > 0$  and  $s > \max\{0, 1 - \frac{q}{n}\}$ ,  $\alpha > q + ns - n - 1$ . Then  $f \in \mathcal{N}(p, q, s)$  if and only if*

$$\sup_{a \in \mathbb{B}} \int_{\mathbb{B}} \int_{\mathbb{B}} \frac{|f(z) - f(w)|^p}{|1 - \langle z, w \rangle|^{2(n+1+\alpha)}} (1 - |z|^2)^q (1 - |\Phi_a(z)|^2)^{ns} dV_\alpha(z) dV_\alpha(w) < +\infty$$

**Proof.** See Theorem 5.12 of [3].  $\square$

**3. Motivation and statement of results.** Historically, the problem started from [1] and the Holland–Walsh characterization of the classical and well-studied Bloch space  $\mathcal{B}$  on the unit disc. Later, in [9], Stroethoff, in a much simpler and elegant way, gave the Holland–Walsh characterization for the Bloch space and also provided a similar characterization for the Besov spaces  $B_p$  on the unit disc  $\mathbb{D}$  for  $p \geq 2$ . After defining and studying extensively the Hardy, Bergman, Besov and Dirichlet-type spaces on the unit ball of  $\mathbb{C}^n$ , some similar double integral characterizations emerged for the cases of Dirichlet, Bergman, Besov, and Bloch-type spaces, and this was followed up by similar characterizations for the  $Q_s$  spaces. Later, the authors of [3] treated partially the case of  $\mathcal{N}(p, q, s)$  spaces. In the present note, we provide three characterizations that have not been found in [3]. They are similar to the ones presented in [4, 6, 7] for specific values of the parameter  $p$ . Let us now state the main results.

**Theorem 3.1.** *Let  $f \in \text{Hol}(\mathbb{B})$ ,  $q > 0$ . Suppose also that the parameters  $p, q, s$  satisfy:  $\alpha > q + ns - n - 1$ ,  $s > \max\{0, 1 - \frac{q}{n}\}$  and  $p \geq 2(n + 1 + \alpha)$ . Then  $f \in \mathcal{N}(p, q, s)$ , if and only if*

$$\sup_{a \in \mathbb{B}} \int_{\mathbb{B}} \int_{\mathbb{B}} \frac{|f(z) - f(w)|^p}{|z - w|^{2(n+1+\alpha)}} (1 - |z|^2)^q (1 - |\Phi_a(z)|^2)^{ns} dV_\alpha(w) dV_\alpha(z) < +\infty.$$

**Remark 1.** Actually, because of the fact that  $\alpha > q + ns - n - 1$  the theorem can hold for  $p > 2(q + ns)$ .

Our second theorem is quite similar to the first one.

**Theorem 3.2.** *Let  $f \in \text{Hol}(\mathbb{B})$ ,  $q > 0$ . Suppose also that the parameters  $p, q, s$  satisfy:  $\alpha > q + ns - n - 1$ ,  $s > \max\{0, 1 - \frac{q}{n}\}$  and  $p \geq 2(n + 1 + \alpha)$ . Then  $f \in \mathcal{N}(p, q, s)$  if and only if*

$$\sup_{a \in \mathbb{B}} \int_{\mathbb{B}} \int_{\mathbb{B}} \frac{|f(z) - f(w)|^p}{|w - P_w z - s_w Q_w z|^{2(n+1+\alpha)}} \times (1 - |z|^2)^q (1 - |\Phi_a(z)|^2)^{ns} dV_\alpha(w) dV_\alpha(z) < +\infty.$$

Our third result is straightforward and can be deduced very easily from Theorem 2.3. The motive behind it can be found in [4] again.

**Definition 2.** Let  $f \in \text{Hol}(\mathbb{B})$ . We define the  $p$ -Mean Oscillation of  $f$  as follows:

$$MO_p(f)(z) = \left( \int_{\mathbb{B}} |f(z) - f(w)|^p \frac{(1 - |z|^2)^{n+1}}{|1 - \langle z, w \rangle|^{2(n+1)}} dV(w) \right)^{1/p}.$$

By the previous definition, we get:

**Theorem 3.3.** *Let  $f \in \text{Hol}(\mathbb{B})$ . If  $p \geq 1$ ,  $q > 0$  and  $s > \max\{0, 1 - \frac{q}{n}\}$ , then  $f \in \mathcal{N}(p, q, s)$  if and only if*

$$J(f) = \sup_{a \in \mathbb{B}} \int_{\mathbb{B}} MO_p^p(f)(z) (1 - |z|^2)^q (1 - |\Phi_a(z)|^2)^{ns} d\lambda(z) < +\infty.$$

**4. Some lemmata and proofs.** Initially, we provide the reader with some lemmata that will constitute our main tools for the proof of Theorem 3.1. Let  $\Phi_z(w)$ , where  $z, w \in \mathbb{B}$ ,  $z \neq w$ , be an involutive automorphism of the unit ball on  $\mathbb{C}^n$ . As in [3], [4] and [5], we consider the *Bergman pseudometric* on the unit ball as:

$$d(z, w) = |\Phi_z(w)|.$$

By

$$E(z, r) = \{w \in \mathbb{B} : |\Phi_z(w)| < r\}$$

we denote the *Bergman-metric ball*, centered at  $z$  with radius  $r > 0$ . The following well-known lemma holds.

**Lemma 4.1.** *For any  $r > 0$  and  $z \in \mathbb{B}$ , let  $E(z, r)$  be the Bergman-metric ball centered at  $z$ . Then*

$$(1 - |z|^2) \asymp (1 - |w|^2) \asymp |1 - \langle z, w \rangle|$$

for all  $z \in \mathbb{B}$ ,  $w \in E(z, r)$ .

**Proof.** The proof can be found in [10]. □

**Lemma 4.2.** *Let  $f \in \text{Hol}(\mathbb{B})$ . If  $f(0) = 0$ , then for all  $p \geq 2(n + 1 + \alpha)$ ,  $\alpha \geq -1$ , there exists a positive constant  $C > 0$  such that*

$$\int_{\mathbb{B}} \frac{|f(w)|^p}{|w|^{2(n+1+a)}} dV_\alpha(w) \leq C \int_{\mathbb{B}} |f(w)|^p dV_\alpha(w).$$

**Proof.** The lemma holds for  $p = 2(n + 1 + \alpha)$  (see Lemma 2.2. of [4]). So for all  $w \in \mathbb{B}$  we have the trivial inequality

$$\frac{1}{|w|^{2(n+1+\alpha)}} \leq \frac{1}{|w|^p}$$

for all  $p \geq 2(n + 1 + \alpha)$ . □

**Lemma 4.3.** *Let  $z, w \in \mathbb{B}, z \neq w$ . Then, the following inequalities are true:*

$$(4.1) \quad |z - \Phi_z(w)| \geq \frac{|w|(1 - |z|^2)}{|1 - \langle z, w \rangle|},$$

$$(4.2) \quad |z - \Phi_z(w)|^2 \leq \frac{2(1 - |z|^2)}{|1 - \langle z, w \rangle|}.$$

**Proof.** The proof can be found again in [10]. □

We are ready to proceed with the proof of Theorem 3.1.

**Proof of Theorem 3.1. Sufficiency:** Let  $f \in \text{Hol}(\mathbb{B})$  and  $p, q, s, \alpha$  be as in the statement of the theorem. Initially, for the convenience of the reader we set

$$I_a(f) = \int_{\mathbb{B}} \int_{\mathbb{B}} \frac{|f(z) - f(w)|^p}{|z - w|^{2(n+1+\alpha)}} (1 - |z|^2)^q (1 - |\Phi_a(z)|^2)^{ns} dV_\alpha(w) dV_\alpha(z).$$

We assume firstly that  $\sup_{a \in \mathbb{B}} I_a(f) < +\infty$ . We have to prove that  $f \in \mathcal{N}(p, q, s)$ . For the upcoming calculations, let

$$k_z(w) = \frac{(1 - |z|^2)^{n+1+\alpha}}{|1 - \langle z, w \rangle|^{2(n+1+\alpha)}}, \quad z, w \in \mathbb{B}.$$

We will estimate  $I_a(f)$  from below. To do so, we apply firstly a change of variables  $w = \Phi_z(w)$ :

$$I_a(f) = \int_{\mathbb{B}} \int_{\mathbb{B}} \frac{|f(z) - f \circ \Phi_z(w)|^p}{|z - \Phi_z(w)|^{2(n+1+\alpha)}} \times (1 - |z|^2)^q (1 - |\Phi_a(z)|^2)^{ns} k_z(w) dV_\alpha(z) dV_\alpha(w).$$

For convenience in the upcoming calculations, set  $F_z(w) = f(z) - f \circ \Phi_z(w)$  and  $n + 1 + \alpha = \gamma$ . Applying Fubini's Theorem and Lemma 4.3 (inequality (4.2)), we get

$$I_a(f) \geq C \int_{\mathbb{B}} (1 - |z|^2)^q (1 - |\Phi_a(z)|^2)^{ns} dV_\alpha(z) \times \left( \int_{\mathbb{B}} \frac{|F_z(w)|^p}{\frac{(1 - |z|^2)^{n+1+\alpha}}{|1 - \langle z, w \rangle|^{n+1+\alpha}}} \frac{(1 - |z|^2)^{n+1+\alpha}}{|1 - \langle z, w \rangle|^{2(n+1+\alpha)}} dV_\alpha(w) \right).$$

Fix  $0 < r < 1$  and take  $E(z, r) \subset \mathbb{B}$  as the domain of the second integral:

$$\begin{aligned} I_a(f) &\geq C \int_{\mathbb{B}} (1 - |z|^2)^q (1 - |\Phi_a(z)|^2)^{ns} dV_a(z) \left( \int_{\mathbb{B}} \frac{|F_z(w)|^p}{|1 - \langle z, w \rangle|^\gamma} dV_\alpha(w) \right) \\ &\geq C \int_{\mathbb{B}} (1 - |z|^2)^q (1 - |\Phi_a(z)|^2)^{ns} dV_a(z) \left( \int_{E(z,r)} \frac{|F_z(w)|^p}{|1 - \langle z, w \rangle|^\gamma} dV_\alpha(w) \right) \\ &\geq C \int_{\mathbb{B}} (1 - |z|^2)^q (1 - |\Phi_a(z)|^2)^{ns} dV_a(z) \left( \int_{E(z,r)} \frac{|F_z(w)|^p}{(1 - |z|^2)^\gamma} dV_\alpha(w) \right). \end{aligned}$$

At this point, we move  $(1 - |z|^2)^{-\gamma}$  to the outer integral. It is now obvious that we replace  $(1 - |z|^2)^{-n-1-a} dV_a(z)$  with  $d\lambda(z)$ :

$$I_a(f) \geq C \int_{\mathbb{B}} (1 - |z|^2)^q (1 - |\Phi_a(z)|^2)^{ns} d\lambda(z) \left( \int_{E(z,r)} |F_z(w)|^p dV_\alpha(w) \right).$$

By the topology induced by the Bergman pseudometric, we can find  $\rho < r$  and a Euclidean ball  $B(z, \rho) \subset E(z, r)$ . Applying the plurisubharmonicity property for the function  $|F_z(w)|^p$ ,  $p \geq 1$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} (4.3) \quad I_a(f) &\geq C \int_{\mathbb{B}} |F_z(z)|^p (1 - |z|^2)^q (1 - |\Phi_a(z)|^2)^{ns} d\lambda(z) \\ &= C \int_{\mathbb{B}} |f(z) - f(0)|^p (1 - |z|^2)^q (1 - |\Phi_a(z)|^2)^{ns} d\lambda(z). \end{aligned}$$

Taking the supremum for  $a \in \mathbb{B}$  in (4.3), we get

$$+\infty > \sup_{a \in \mathbb{B}} I_a(f) \geq \sup_{a \in \mathbb{B}} \int_{\mathbb{B}} |f(z)|^p (1 - |z|^2)^q (1 - |\Phi_a(z)|^2)^{ns} d\lambda(z) = \|f\|_{\mathcal{N}},$$

where  $\|f\|_{\mathcal{N}}$  denotes the pseudo-norm induced by the definition of the  $\mathcal{N}(p, q, s)$  spaces.

*Necessity:* We assume that  $f \in \mathcal{N}(p, q, s)$ . We have to show that  $\sup_{a \in \mathbb{B}} I_a(f)$  is bounded. We recall that

$$F_z(w) = f(z) - f \circ \Phi_z(w), \quad z, w \in \mathbb{B}$$

and observe that  $F_z(0) = 0$ . We begin by applying Fubini's Theorem and a change of variables  $w = \Phi_z(w)$ , as before:

$$\begin{aligned} I_a(f) &= \left( \int_{\mathbb{B}} (1 - |z|^2)^q (1 - |\Phi_a(z)|^2)^{ns} dV_a(z) \right) \\ &\quad \times \left( \int_{\mathbb{B}} \frac{|F_z(w)|^p}{|z - \Phi_z(w)|^{2(n+1+\alpha)}} \frac{(1 - |z|^2)^{n+1+\alpha}}{|1 - \langle z, w \rangle|^{2(n+1+\alpha)}} dV_\alpha(w) \right). \end{aligned}$$

Now we apply the inequality (4.1) and get

$$I_a(f) \leq \left( \int_{\mathbb{B}} (1 - |z|^2)^q (1 - |\Phi_a(z)|^2)^{ns} dV_a(z) \right) \times \left( \int_{\mathbb{B}} \frac{|F_z(w)|^p}{\frac{|w|^{2(n+1+\alpha)}(1-|z|^2)^{2(n+1+\alpha)}}{|1-\langle z, w \rangle|^{2(n+1+\alpha)}}} \frac{(1 - |z|^2)^{n+1+\alpha}}{|1 - \langle z, w \rangle|^{2(n+1+\alpha)}} dV_a(w) \right).$$

After we simplify the equal terms in the numerator and denominator, we move the term  $(1 - |z|^2)^{-(n+1+\alpha)}$  to the outer integral and obtain

$$I_a(f) \leq \int_{\mathbb{B}} (1 - |z|^2)^{q-(n+1+\alpha)} (1 - |\Phi_a(z)|^2)^{ns} dV_a(z) \int_{\mathbb{B}} \frac{|F_z(w)|^p}{|w|^{2(n+1+\alpha)}} dV_a(w).$$

Now we apply Lemma 4.2 for the function  $F_z(w)$ . After another change of variables we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} I_a(f) &\leq C \int_{\mathbb{B}} (1 - |z|^2)^{q-(n+1+\alpha)} (1 - |\Phi_a(z)|^2)^{ns} dV_a(z) \int_{\mathbb{B}} |F_z(w)|^p dV_a(w) \\ &= C \int_{\mathbb{B}} (1 - |z|^2)^q (1 - |\Phi_a(z)|^2)^{ns} dV_a(z) \int_{\mathbb{B}} \frac{|f(z) - f(w)|^p}{|1 - \langle z, w \rangle|^{2(n+1+\alpha)}} dV_a(w) \\ &= C \int_{\mathbb{B}} \int_{\mathbb{B}} \frac{|f(z) - f(w)|^p}{|1 - \langle z, w \rangle|^{2(n+1+\alpha)}} (1 - |z|^2)^q (1 - |\Phi_a(z)|^2)^{ns} dV_a(z) dV_a(w), \end{aligned}$$

hence  $I_a(f) < +\infty$ , by Theorem 2.3. □

We proceed now with the proof of Theorem 3.2.

**Proof of Theorem 3.2. Sufficiency:** Suppose that

$$\begin{aligned} \sup_{a \in \mathbb{B}} \int_{\mathbb{B}} \int_{\mathbb{B}} \frac{|f(z) - f(w)|^p}{|w - P_w z - s_w Q_w z|^{2(n+1+\alpha)}} \\ \times (1 - |z|^2)^q (1 - |\Phi_a(z)|^2)^{ns} dV_a(w) dV_a(z) < +\infty. \end{aligned}$$

Then, by the trivial inequality:

$$\frac{1}{|1 - \langle z, w \rangle|} \leq \frac{1}{|w - P_w z - s_w Q_w z|}$$

and Theorem 2.3 we deduce that  $f \in \mathcal{N}(p, q, s)$ .

*Necessity:* Let  $f \in \mathcal{N}(p, q, s)$ . We will estimate from above the following integral:

$$\begin{aligned} J_a(f) &= \int_{\mathbb{B}} \int_{\mathbb{B}} \frac{|f(z) - f(w)|^p}{|w - P_w z - s_w Q_w z|^{2(n+1+\alpha)}} \\ &\quad \times (1 - |z|^2)^q (1 - |\Phi_a(z)|^2)^{ns} dV_a(w) dV_a(z). \end{aligned}$$

Initially, we observe that

$$J_a(f) = \int_{\mathbb{B}} \int_{\mathbb{B}} \frac{|f(z) - f(w)|^p}{|\Phi_z(w)|^{2(n+1+a)} |1 - \langle z, w \rangle|^{2(n+1+\alpha)}} \times (1 - |z|^2)^q (1 - |\Phi_a(z)|^2)^{ns} dV_\alpha(w) dV_\alpha(z).$$

We apply the change of variables  $w = \Phi_z(w)$  and Fubini's Theorem as in the proof of the previous theorem:

$$(4.4) \quad I_a(f) = \left( \int_{\mathbb{B}} (1 - |z|^2)^q (1 - |\Phi_a(z)|^2)^{ns} dV_\alpha(z) \right) \times \left( \int_{\mathbb{B}} \frac{|f \circ \Phi_z(w) - f \circ \Phi_z(0)|^p k_z(w)}{|w|^{2(n+1+\alpha)} |1 - \langle \Phi_z(w), z \rangle|^{2(n+1+\alpha)}} dV_\alpha(w) \right).$$

By the properties of the involutive automorphisms of the unit ball, we know that the following identity holds (see e.g. [8]):

$$(4.5) \quad \frac{1}{|1 - \langle \Phi_z(w), z \rangle|^{2(n+1+\alpha)}} = \frac{|1 - \langle z, w \rangle|^{2(n+1+\alpha)}}{(1 - |z|^2)^{2(n+1+\alpha)}}.$$

Applying (4.5) to (4.4), we obtain

$$J_a(f) = \left( \int_{\mathbb{B}} (1 - |z|^2)^q (1 - |\Phi_a(z)|^2)^{ns} d\lambda(z) \right) \times \left( \int_{\mathbb{B}} \frac{|f \circ \Phi_z(w) - f \circ \Phi_z(0)|^p}{|w|^{2(n+1+\alpha)}} dV_\alpha(w) \right).$$

Recall, once again, the previous notation  $F_z(w) = f \circ \Phi_z(w) - f \circ \Phi_z(0)$ . At this stage, we apply Lemma 4.2. Doing so, we obtain a positive constant  $C > 0$  such that

$$J_a(f) \leq C \int_{\mathbb{B}} (1 - |z|^2)^q (1 - |\Phi_a(z)|^2)^{ns} d\lambda(z) \left( \int_{\mathbb{B}} |F_z(w)|^p dV_\alpha(w) \right).$$

Repeating the change of variables and applying Theorem 2.3, we obtain

$$\sup_{a \in \mathbb{B}} J_a(f) \leq \sup_{a \in \mathbb{B}} \int_{\mathbb{B}} \int_{\mathbb{B}} \frac{|f(z) - f(w)|^p}{|1 - \langle z, w \rangle|^{2(n+1+\alpha)}} \times (1 - |z|^2)^q (1 - |\Phi_a(z)|^2)^{ns} dV_\alpha(z) dV_\alpha(w) < +\infty$$

and the second implication follows.  $\square$

**Proof of Theorem 3.3.** Observe that

$$MO_p^p(f) = \int_{\mathbb{B}} \frac{|f(z) - f(w)|^p}{|1 - \langle z, w \rangle|^{2(n+1)}} (1 - |z|^2)^{n+1} dV(w).$$

From Theorem 2.3, choosing  $\alpha = 0$ , we see that  $f \in N(p, q, s)$  if and only if

$$J(f) = \sup_{a \in \mathbb{B}} \int_{\mathbb{B}} \int_{\mathbb{B}} \frac{|f(z) - f(w)|^p}{|1 - \langle z, w \rangle|^{2(n+1)}} \times (1 - |z|^2)^q (1 - |\Phi_a(z)|^2)^{ns} dV(z) dV(w) < +\infty.$$

We write the integral in  $J(f)$  as an iterated one and observe that  $f \in N(p, q, s)$  if and only if

$$\sup_{a \in \mathbb{B}} \int_{\mathbb{B}} \left( \int_{\mathbb{B}} \frac{|f(z) - f(w)|^p}{|1 - \langle z, w \rangle|^{2(n+1)}} (1 - |z|^2)^{n+1} dV(w) \right) \times (1 - |z|^2)^q (1 - |\Phi_a(z)|^2)^{ns} d\lambda(z) < +\infty$$

which gives us the desired result.  $\square$

**5. Discussion and questions.** In this final section we pose some comments and questions for the interested reader. The motivation behind our question is clear. We proved Theorem 3.1 and Theorem 3.2 for  $p \geq 2(n + 1 + \alpha)$ ,  $\alpha \geq 1$ .

**Question 1.** *Can we obtain Theorem 3.1 for more general values of the parameter  $p \geq 1$ ? What happens for  $1 \leq p < 2(n + 1 + \alpha)$ ?*

The answer to this question seems to be technical, as in this case we cannot apply Lemma 4.2 as in our proofs.

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