

# Space analogues of some theorems for subharmonic and meromorphic functions

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## 1. Introduction

Denote points in  $n$  dimensional Euclidean space  $\mathbf{R}^n$ ,  $n \geq 3$ , by  $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$ . Let  $r = |x|$  and  $x_1 = r \cos \theta$ ,  $0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$ . For  $r > 0$  let  $B(r) = \{x : |x| < r\}$ ,  $S(r) = \{x : |x| = r\}$ , and  $S = S(1)$ . For  $0 \leq \alpha \leq \pi$ , let  $C(\alpha) = S \cap \{x : \theta < \alpha\}$ . If  $E$  is a set contained in  $S(r)$ , let  $\partial E$  denote the boundary of  $E$  relative to  $S(r)$ . Let  $H^m$  denote  $m$  dimensional Hausdorff measure on  $\mathbf{R}^n$ .

• If  $f$  is defined on a set  $E \subset \mathbf{R}^n$ , let  $\theta(r)$  for  $0 < r < \infty$  be defined by

$$H^{n-1}(C(\theta(r))) = H^{n-1}(p(S(r) \cap E))$$

where  $p$  denotes the radial projection of  $\mathbf{R}^n - \{0\}$  onto  $S$ . For  $0 \leq \theta \leq \theta(r)$ , let

$$\hat{f}(r, \theta) = \sup \int_F f(ry) dH^{n-1}y,$$

where the supremum is taken over all measurable sets  $F \subset p(S(r) \cap E)$  with

$$H^{n-1}(F) = H^{n-1}(C(\theta)).$$

Given a set  $E \subset [0, \infty)$ , let

$$\overline{\log \text{dens}} E = \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \left( \int_{E \cap (1, r)} \frac{dt}{t} / \log r \right)$$

$$\underline{\log \text{dens}} E = \liminf_{r \rightarrow \infty} \left( \int_{E \cap (1, r)} \frac{dt}{t} / \log r \right).$$

Let  $u$  be equal  $H^n$  almost everywhere on  $\mathbf{R}^n$  to the difference of two subharmonic functions. By the Riesz representation theorem there is associated with this difference a unique signed Borel measure  $\nu$  whose total variation on compact sets is finite. Let  $\nu = \nu^+ - \nu^-$  denote the Jordan decomposition of  $\nu$ . To simplify matters, we will assume that  $\nu^+(B(1)) = 0$  or equivalently that  $u$  is equal  $H^n$  almost everywhere in  $B(1)$  to a subharmonic function.