# LINDELÖF THEOREMS FOR MONOTONE SOBOLEV FUNCTIONS IN ORLICZ SPACES 

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Abstract. Our aim in this paper is to deal with Lindelöf type theorems for monotone Sobolev functions in Orlicz spaces.

## 1. Introduction and statement of results

Let $\mathbf{B}$ be the unit ball of the $n$-dimensional Euclidean space $\mathbf{R}^{n}$. We denote by $\delta_{\mathbf{B}}(x)$ the distance of $x \in \mathbf{B}$ from the boundary $\partial \mathbf{B}$, that is, $\delta_{\mathbf{B}}(x)=$ $1-|x|$. We denote by $B(x, r)$ the open ball centered at $x$ with radius $r$ and set $\lambda B(x, r)=B(x, \lambda r)$ for $\lambda>0$.

A continuous function $u$ on a domain $G$ is called monotone in the sense of Lebesgue (see [6]) if the equalities

$$
\max _{\bar{D}} u=\max _{\partial D} u \quad \text { and } \quad \min _{\bar{D}} u=\min _{\partial D} u
$$

hold whenever $D$ is a domain with compact closure $\bar{D} \subset G$. If $u$ is a monotone function on $G$ satisfying

$$
\int_{G}|\nabla u(z)|^{p} d z<\infty \quad \text { for some } p>n-1
$$

then

$$
\begin{equation*}
|u(x)-u(y)| \leq C(n, p) r^{1-n / p}\left(\int_{2 B}|\nabla u(z)|^{p} d z\right)^{1 / p} \tag{1.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

whenever $y \in B=B(x, r)$ with $2 B \subset G$, where $C(n, p)$ is a positive constant depending only on $n$ and $p$ (see [10, Chapter 8] and [14, Section 16]). Using this inequality (1.1), Lindelöf theorems for monotone Sobolev functions on

[^0]the half space of $\mathbf{R}^{n}$ were studied in [2]. For related results, see [1], [3]-[5] and [7]-[12].

In order to give a general result, we consider a nondecreasing positive function $\varphi$ on the interval $[0, \infty)$ such that $\varphi$ is of log-type, that is, there exists a positive constant $C$ satisfying

$$
\varphi\left(r^{2}\right) \leqq C \varphi(r) \quad \text { for all } r \geqq 0
$$

Set $\Phi_{p}(r)=r^{p} \varphi(r)$ for $p>1$. In this note, we are concerned with boundary limits of monotone Sobolev functions $u$ on $\mathbf{B}$ satisfying

$$
\begin{equation*}
\int_{\mathbf{B}} \Phi_{p}(|\nabla u(z)|) \delta_{\mathbf{B}}(z)^{\alpha} d z<\infty \tag{1.2}
\end{equation*}
$$

Let $u$ be a function on $\mathbf{B}$ and let $\xi \in \partial \mathbf{B}$. For $\gamma \geq 1$ and $c>0$, set

$$
T_{\gamma}(\xi ; c)=\left\{x \in \mathbf{B}:|x-\xi|^{\gamma} \leq c \delta_{\mathbf{B}}(x)\right\} .
$$

We say $u$ has a tangential limit of order $\gamma$ at $\xi$ if the limit

$$
\lim _{T_{\gamma}(\xi ; c) \ni x \rightarrow \xi} u(x)
$$

exists for every $c>0$. In particular, a tangential limit of order 1 is called nontangential limit.

Our aim in this paper is to give the following result concerning the Lindelöf type theorem, as an extension of [2], [7] and [12].

THEOREM 1.1. Let $u$ be a monotone function on $\mathbf{B}$ satisfying (1.2). Suppose $p>n-1$ and $0 \leq n+\alpha-p<1$. Set

$$
\begin{aligned}
E_{1}= & \left\{\xi \in \partial \mathbf{B}: \limsup _{r \rightarrow 0} r^{p-\alpha-n}\left(\varphi\left(r^{-1}\right)\right)^{-1}\right. \\
& \left.\times \int_{B(\xi, r) \cap \mathbf{B}} \Phi_{p}(|\nabla u(z)|) \delta_{\mathbf{B}}(z)^{\alpha} d z>0\right\}
\end{aligned}
$$

If $\xi \in \partial \mathbf{B} \backslash E_{1}$ and there exists a rectifiable curve $\Gamma$ in $\mathbf{B}$ tending to $\xi$ along which $u$ has a finite limit $L$, then $u$ has a nontangential limit $L$ at $\xi$.

Remark 1.2. In [8, Theorem 2], Manfredi and Villamor treated the case $\varphi \equiv 1$ and a weight is a Muckenhoupt $A_{q}$ weight, where $1 \leq q<p /(n-1)$. We note that $\delta_{\mathbf{B}}(x)^{\alpha}$ is in $A_{q}$ for some $q \in[1, p /(n-1))$ when $-1<\alpha<$ $(p-n+1) /(n-1)$, but $\delta_{\mathbf{B}}(x)^{\alpha}$ is not in $A_{q}$ for all $q \in[1, p /(n-1))$ when $(p-n+1) /(n-1) \leq \alpha<p-n+1$. Hence, our result is a generalization of [ 8 , Theorem 2] in the case when a weight is $\delta_{\mathbf{B}}(x)^{\alpha}$.

Remark 1.3. We know that $E_{1}$ is of $C_{1, \Phi_{p}, \alpha \text {-capacity zero. For the defi- }}$ nition of $\left(1, \Phi_{p}, \alpha\right)$-capacity $C_{1, \Phi_{p}, \alpha}$ and this fact, we refer to [11, Lemma 7.2 and Corollary 7.2]. See also [10, Section 8].

## 2. Preliminary lemmas

Throughout this paper, let $C$ denote various constants independent of the variables in question, and $C(\varepsilon)$ a positive constant which depends on $\varepsilon$.

For a proof of Theorem 1.1, we prepare some lemmas. We know the following result from a proof of [13, Theorem 3].

Lemma 2.1. Let u be a monotone function on $\mathbf{B}$ satisfying (1.2). Suppose $p>n-1$ and $0<\varepsilon<1$. Then

$$
\begin{align*}
& |u(x)-u(y)|  \tag{2.1}\\
& \leq C \delta_{\mathbf{B}}(x)^{1-n / p}\left(\varphi\left(\delta_{\mathbf{B}}(x)^{-1}\right)\right)^{-1 / p}\left(\int_{2 B(x)} \Phi_{p}(|\nabla u(z)|) d z\right)^{1 / p} \\
& \quad+C \delta_{\mathbf{B}}(x)^{1-\varepsilon}
\end{align*}
$$

whenever $x \in \mathbf{B}$ and $y \in B(x)$, where $B(x)=B\left(x, \delta_{\mathbf{B}}(x) / 4\right)$ and $C$ may depend on $\varepsilon$.

Fix $\xi \in \partial \mathbf{B}$. For $x \in \mathbf{B}$ such that $x$ is close to $\xi$, set

$$
r(x)=|\xi-x| \quad \text { and } \quad y(x)=(1-r(x)) \xi
$$

By (2.1), we give the following estimate $|u(x)-u(y(x))|^{p}$.
Lemma 2.2. Let u be a monotone function on $\mathbf{B}$ satisfying (1.2). Suppose $p>n-1$ and $0<\varepsilon<1$.
(1) If $p<n-\delta$, then for each $x \in T_{\gamma}(\xi ; c)$

$$
\begin{aligned}
&|u(x)-u(y(x))|^{p} \\
& \leq C r(x)^{\gamma(p-n+\delta)}\left(\varphi\left(r(x)^{-1}\right)\right)^{-1} \int_{B(\xi, 2 r(x)) \cap \mathbf{B}} \Phi_{p}(|\nabla u(z)|) \delta_{\mathbf{B}}(z)^{-\delta} d z \\
&+C r(x)^{p(1-\varepsilon)}
\end{aligned}
$$

(2) If $p>n-\delta$, then for each $x \in \mathbf{B}$ with $|x-\xi|<1 / 2$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& |u(x)-u(y(x))|^{p} \\
& \qquad \leq C r(x)^{p-n+\delta}\left(\varphi\left(r(x)^{-1}\right)\right)^{-1} \int_{B(\xi, 2 r(x)) \cap \mathbf{B}} \Phi_{p}(|\nabla u(z)|) \delta_{\mathbf{B}}(z)^{-\delta} d z \\
& \quad+C r(x)^{p(1-\varepsilon)}
\end{aligned}
$$

where $C$ may depend on $\varepsilon$.
Proof. We can take a finite chain of balls $B_{0}, B_{1}, \ldots, B_{N}$ such that
(i) $B_{j}=B\left(x_{j}\right), x_{j} \in \partial B(\xi, r(x)) \cap \mathbf{B}, x_{0}=x$ and $y(x) \in B_{N}$;
(ii) $\left\{\delta_{\mathbf{B}}\left(x_{j}\right)\right\}$ increase and $\delta_{\mathbf{B}}\left(x_{j}\right) \geq c_{1}\left|x-x_{j}\right|$ for some constant $c_{1}>0$;
(iii) $B_{j} \cap B_{k} \neq \emptyset$ if and only if $|j-k| \leq 1$;
(iv) for each $t>0$, the number of $x_{j}$ such that $t<\delta_{\mathbf{B}}\left(x_{j}\right) \leq 2 t$ is less than $c_{2}$, where $c_{2}$ is a positive constant.

See [3, Lemma 2.2]. Pick $z_{j} \in B_{j-1} \cap B_{j}$ for $1 \leq j \leq N$; set $z_{0}=x$ and $z_{N+1}=y(x)$. By Lemma 2.1, we see that

$$
\begin{aligned}
& |u(x)-u(y(x))| \\
& \quad \leq \sum_{j=0}^{N}\left|u\left(z_{j+1}\right)-u\left(z_{j}\right)\right| \\
& \leq C \sum_{j=0}^{N} \delta_{\mathbf{B}}\left(x_{j}\right)^{1-n / p}\left(\varphi\left(\delta_{\mathbf{B}}\left(x_{j}\right)^{-1}\right)\right)^{-1 / p} \\
& \quad \times\left(\int_{2 B_{j}} \Phi_{p}(|\nabla u(z)|) d z\right)^{1 / p}+C \sum_{j=0}^{N} \delta_{\mathbf{B}}\left(x_{j}\right)^{1-\varepsilon} .
\end{aligned}
$$

Taking natural numbers $k_{0}$ and $k_{1}$ such that $2^{-k_{0}-1} \leq r(x)<2^{-k_{0}}$ and $2^{-k_{1}-1} \leq \delta_{B}(x)<2^{-k_{1}}$, we see from (ii) that

$$
\begin{aligned}
\sum_{j=0}^{N} \delta_{\mathbf{B}}\left(x_{j}\right)^{1-\varepsilon} & \leq \sum_{k=k_{0}}^{k_{1}}\left(\sum_{2^{-k-1} \leq \delta_{B}\left(x_{j}\right)<2^{-k}} \delta_{\mathbf{B}}\left(x_{j}\right)^{1-\varepsilon}\right) \\
& \leq c_{2} \sum_{k=k_{0}}^{k_{1}} 2^{-k(1-\varepsilon)} \leq \frac{2^{1-\varepsilon} c_{2}}{\log 2} \int_{2^{-k_{1}-1}}^{2^{-k_{0}}} t^{1-\varepsilon} \frac{d t}{t} \leq C \int_{\delta_{B}(x) / 2}^{2 r(x)} t^{1-\varepsilon} \frac{d t}{t}
\end{aligned}
$$

Hence, we have by Hölder's inequality

$$
\begin{aligned}
& |u(x)-u(y(x))| \\
& \quad \leq C\left(\sum_{j=0}^{N} \delta_{\mathbf{B}}\left(x_{j}\right)^{p^{\prime}\{1-(n-\delta) / p\}}\left(\varphi\left(\delta_{\mathbf{B}}\left(x_{j}\right)^{-1}\right)\right)^{-p^{\prime} / p}\right)^{1 / p^{\prime}} \\
& \quad \times\left(\sum_{j=0}^{N} \int_{2 B_{j}} \Phi_{p}(|\nabla u(z)|) \delta_{\mathbf{B}}(z)^{-\delta} d z\right)^{1 / p}+C r(x)^{1-\varepsilon} \\
& \quad \leq C\left(I^{p-1} \times \int_{B(\xi, 2 r(x)) \cap \mathbf{B}} \Phi_{p}(|\nabla u(z)|) \delta_{\mathbf{B}}(z)^{-\delta} d z\right)^{1 / p}+C r(x)^{1-\varepsilon}
\end{aligned}
$$

where $1 / p+1 / p^{\prime}=1$ and

$$
I=\sum_{j=0}^{N} \delta_{\mathbf{B}}\left(x_{j}\right)^{p^{\prime}\{1-(n-\delta) / p\}}\left(\varphi\left(\delta_{\mathbf{B}}\left(x_{j}\right)^{-1}\right)\right)^{-p^{\prime} / p}
$$

First, consider the case $p<n-\delta$ and $x \in T_{\gamma}(\xi ; c)$. Then we have

$$
\begin{aligned}
I^{p-1} & \leq C\left(\int_{\delta_{\mathbf{B}}(x) / 2}^{2 r(x)} t^{\frac{p-n+\delta}{p-1}}\left(\varphi\left(t^{-1}\right)\right)^{-\frac{1}{p-1}} \frac{d t}{t}\right)^{p-1} \\
& \leq C \delta_{\mathbf{B}}(x)^{p-n+\delta}\left(\varphi\left(r(x)^{-1}\right)\right)^{-1}
\end{aligned}
$$

Hence, we obtain

$$
\begin{aligned}
& |u(x)-u(y(x))|^{p} \\
& \leq \leq \delta_{\mathbf{B}}(x)^{p-n+\delta}\left(\varphi\left(r(x)^{-1}\right)\right)^{-1} \int_{B(\xi, 2 r(x)) \cap \mathbf{B}} \Phi_{p}(|\nabla u(z)|) \delta_{\mathbf{B}}(z)^{-\delta} d z \\
& \quad+C r(x)^{p(1-\varepsilon)} \\
& \leq \\
& \quad C r(x)^{\gamma(p-n+\delta)}\left(\varphi\left(r(x)^{-1}\right)\right)^{-1} \int_{B(\xi, 2 r(x)) \cap \mathbf{B}} \Phi_{p}(|\nabla u(z)|) \delta_{\mathbf{B}}(z)^{-\delta} d z \\
& \quad+C r(x)^{p(1-\varepsilon)} .
\end{aligned}
$$

Next, consider the case $p>n-\delta$. Then we have

$$
I^{p-1} \leq C r(x)^{p-n+\delta}\left(\varphi\left(r(x)^{-1}\right)\right)^{-1}
$$

Thus, we can show the second part in the same manner as the first part.
Remark 2.3. In Lemma 2.2, we can replace

$$
\int_{B(\xi, 2 r(x)) \cap \mathbf{B}} \Phi_{p}(|\nabla u(z)|) \delta_{\mathbf{B}}(z)^{-\delta} d z
$$

by

$$
\int_{B(\xi, 2 r(x)) \cap \mathbf{B}} \Phi_{p}(|\nabla u(z)|) \delta_{\mathbf{B}}(z)^{\alpha}\left|r(x)-|z-\xi|^{-\delta-\alpha} d z\right.
$$

when $\delta+\alpha>0$.
REmARK 2.4. The number of balls $B_{0}, B_{1}, \ldots, B_{N}$ satisfying (iv) in Lemma 2.2 is less than $c_{3} \log \left(4 r(x) / \delta_{\mathbf{B}}(x)\right)$. In fact,

$$
\begin{aligned}
N+1 & \leq \sum_{k=k_{0}}^{k_{1}} \#\left\{j: 2^{-k-1} \leq \delta_{\mathbf{B}}\left(x_{j}\right)<2^{-k}\right\} \\
& \leq \sum_{k=k_{0}}^{k_{1}} c_{2}=\frac{c_{2}}{\log 2} \int_{2^{-k_{1}-1}}^{2^{-k_{0}}} \frac{d t}{t} \leq \frac{c_{2}}{\log 2} \int_{\delta_{\mathbf{B}}(x) / 2}^{2 r(x)} \frac{d t}{t} \\
& =\frac{c_{2}}{\log 2} \log \left(4 r(x) / \delta_{\mathbf{B}}(x)\right) .
\end{aligned}
$$

The following lemma can be proved by (2.1).
Lemma 2.5. Let $u$ be a monotone function on $\mathbf{B}$ satisfying (1.2). If $\xi \in$ $\partial \mathbf{B} \backslash E_{1}$ and there exists a sequence $\left\{r_{j}\right\}$ such that $2^{-j-1} \leq r_{j}<2^{-j}$ and $u\left(\left(1-r_{j}\right) \xi\right)$ has a finite limit $L$, then $u$ has a nontangential limit $L$ at $\xi$.

Proof. Fix $\xi \in \partial \mathbf{B} \backslash E_{1}$. Take $x \in T_{1}(\xi ; c)$ with $2^{-j-1} \leq|x-\xi|<2^{-j}$. Then, as in the proof of Lemma 2.2, we can take a finite chain of balls $B_{0}, B_{1}, \ldots$, $B_{N}$ such that
(i) $B_{i}=B\left(x_{i}\right), x_{i} \in T_{1}(\xi ; c) \cap\left\{y: 2^{-j-1} \leq|y-\xi|<2^{-j}\right\}, x_{0}=x$ and $\left(1-r_{j}\right) \xi \in B_{N}$
(ii) $B_{i} \cap B_{k} \neq \emptyset$ if and only if $|i-k| \leq 1$;
(iii) for each $t>0$, the number of $x_{i}$ such that $t<\delta_{\mathbf{B}}\left(x_{i}\right) \leq 2 t$ is less than $c^{\prime}$, where $c^{\prime}$ is a positive constant.
By Remark 2.4, we note that $N$ is less than $C_{1}$, where $C_{1}$ is a positive constant depending only on $c$. Since

$$
2^{-j-1} \leq\left|x_{i}-\xi\right| \leq c \delta_{\mathbf{B}}\left(x_{i}\right) \leq c\left|x_{i}-\xi\right| \leq c 2^{-j},
$$

as in the proof of Lemma 2.2, we obtain by (2.1)

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \mid u(x)-u\left(\left(1-r_{j}\right) \xi\right) \mid \\
& \leq C \sum_{i=0}^{N} \delta_{\mathbf{B}}\left(x_{i}\right)^{1-n / p}\left(\varphi\left(\delta_{\mathbf{B}}\left(x_{i}\right)^{-1}\right)\right)^{-1 / p} \times\left(\int_{2 B\left(x_{i}\right)} \Phi_{p}(|\nabla u(z)|) d z\right)^{1 / p} \\
&+C \sum_{i=0}^{N} \delta_{\mathbf{B}}\left(x_{i}\right)^{1-\varepsilon} \\
& \leq C \sum_{i=0}^{N} \delta_{\mathbf{B}}\left(x_{i}\right)^{1-\varepsilon} \\
&+C \sum_{i=0}^{N}\left(\delta_{\mathbf{B}}\left(x_{i}\right)^{p-\alpha-n}\left(\varphi\left(\delta_{\mathbf{B}}\left(x_{i}\right)^{-1}\right)\right)^{-1}\right. \\
&\left.\quad \times \int_{2 B\left(x_{i}\right)} \Phi_{p}(|\nabla u(z)|) \delta_{\mathbf{B}}(z)^{\alpha} d z\right)^{1 / p} \\
& \leq C 2^{-j(1-\varepsilon)} \\
&+C\left(2^{-j(p-\alpha-n)}\left(\varphi\left(2^{j}\right)\right)^{-1} \int_{B\left(\xi, 2^{-j+1}\right)} \Phi_{p}(|\nabla u(z)|) \delta_{\mathbf{B}}(z)^{\alpha} d z\right)^{1 / p}
\end{aligned}
$$

where $0<\varepsilon<1$. Since $\xi \in \partial \mathbf{B} \backslash E_{1}$ and $\lim _{j \rightarrow \infty} u\left(\left(1-r_{j}\right) \xi\right)=L, u$ has a nontangential limit $L$ at $\xi$.

## 3. Proof of Theorem 1.1

Proof of Theorem 1.1. Take a number $\delta$ such that $n+\alpha-p<\delta+\alpha<1$. For $r>0$ sufficiently small, take $x(r) \in \Gamma \cap \partial B(\xi, r)$ and set $y(x(r))=(1-r) \xi$. By Lemma 2.2(2) and Remark 2.3, we have

$$
\begin{aligned}
& |u(x(r))-u(y(x(r)))|^{p} \\
& \quad \leq C r^{p-n+\delta}\left(\varphi\left(r^{-1}\right)\right)^{-1} \\
& \quad \times \int_{B(\xi, 2 r) \cap \mathbf{B}} \Phi_{p}(|\nabla u(z)|) \delta_{\mathbf{B}}(z)^{\alpha}\left|r-|z-\xi|^{-\delta-\alpha} d z+C r^{p(1-\varepsilon)} .\right.
\end{aligned}
$$

Moreover, since $0<\delta+\alpha<1$, we see that

$$
\int_{2^{-j-1}}^{2^{-j}}|r-|z-\xi||^{-\delta-\alpha} d r \leq C 2^{-j(1-\delta-\alpha)}
$$

Hence, it follows that

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \inf _{2^{-j-1} \leq r<2^{-j}}|u(x(r))-u(y(x(r)))|^{p} \\
& \leq C \int_{2^{-j-1}}^{2^{-j}}\left(r^{p-n+\delta}\left(\varphi\left(r^{-1}\right)\right)^{-1}\right. \\
& \times \int_{B(\xi, 2 r) \cap \mathbf{B}} \Phi_{p}(|\nabla u(z)|) \delta_{\mathbf{B}}(z)^{\alpha}\left|r-|z-\xi|^{-\delta-\alpha} d z\right) \frac{d r}{r} \\
&+C\left(2^{-j}\right)^{p(1-\varepsilon)} \\
& \leq C 2^{-j\{p-n+\delta-1\}}\left(\varphi\left(2^{j}\right)\right)^{-1} \\
& \times \int_{B\left(\xi, 2^{-j+1}\right) \cap \mathbf{B}} \Phi_{p}(|\nabla u(z)|) \delta_{\mathbf{B}}(z)^{\alpha}\left(\int_{2^{-j-1}}^{2^{-j}}|r-|z-\xi||^{-\delta-\alpha} d r\right) d z \\
&+C\left(2^{-j}\right)^{p(1-\varepsilon)} \\
& \leq C 2^{-j\{p-\alpha-n\}}\left(\varphi\left(2^{j}\right)\right)^{-1} \\
& \times \int_{B\left(\xi, 2^{-j+1}\right) \cap \mathbf{B}} \Phi_{p}(|\nabla u(z)|) \delta_{\mathbf{B}}(z)^{\alpha} d z+C\left(2^{-j}\right)^{p(1-\varepsilon)} .
\end{aligned}
$$

Since $\xi \notin E_{1}$, we see that

$$
\lim _{j \rightarrow \infty} \inf _{2^{-j-1} \leq r<2^{-j}}|u(x(r))-u(y(x(r)))|^{p}=0
$$

Hence, we find a sequence $\left\{r_{j}\right\}$ such that $2^{-j-1} \leq r_{j}<2^{-j}$ and

$$
\lim _{j \rightarrow \infty}\left|u\left(x\left(r_{j}\right)\right)-u\left(y\left(x\left(r_{j}\right)\right)\right)\right|^{p}=0
$$

Since $u$ has a finite limit $L$ at $\xi$ along $\Gamma$, we have

$$
\lim _{j \rightarrow \infty} u\left(y\left(r_{j}\right)\right)=\lim _{j \rightarrow \infty} u\left(x\left(r_{j}\right)\right)=L
$$

Thus $u$ has a nontangential limit $L$ at $\xi$ by Lemma 2.5.
Remark 3.1. Let $u$ be a monotone function on $\mathbf{B}$ satisfying (1.2) and let $\gamma \geq 1$. Suppose $p>n-1$ and $n+\alpha-p \geq 0$ and set

$$
\begin{aligned}
E_{\gamma}= & \left\{\xi \in \partial \mathbf{B}: \limsup _{r \rightarrow 0} r^{\gamma(p-\alpha-n)}\left(\varphi\left(r^{-1}\right)\right)^{-1}\right. \\
& \left.\times \int_{B(\xi, r) \cap \mathbf{B}} \Phi_{p}(|\nabla u(z)|) \delta_{\mathbf{B}}(z)^{\alpha} d z>0\right\} .
\end{aligned}
$$

If $\xi \in \partial \mathbf{B} \backslash E_{\gamma}$ and $u$ has a radial limit at $\xi$, then $u$ has a tangential limit of order $\gamma$ at $\xi$. See [12, Theorem 4] and [10, Section 8].

In fact, since $\xi \notin E_{\gamma}$, we have by Lemma 2.2(1) with $\delta=-\alpha$

$$
\lim _{T_{\gamma}(\xi ; c) \ni x \rightarrow \xi}|u(x)-u(y(x))|^{p}=0
$$

so that

$$
\lim _{T_{\gamma}(\xi ; c) \ni x \rightarrow \xi}|u(x)-u(y(x))|=0 .
$$

Since the radial limit $\lim _{x \rightarrow \xi} u(y(x))$ exists by our assumption, the limit $\lim _{T_{\gamma}(\xi ; c) \ni x \rightarrow \xi} u(x)$ exists.

Remark 3.2. Let $H_{h}$ denote the Hausdorff measure with the measure function $h$. We know that $H_{h}\left(E_{\gamma}\right)=0$, where $h(r)=r^{\gamma(n+\alpha-p)} \varphi\left(r^{-1}\right)$. For this fact, we refer to [11, Lemma 7.2].

Remark 3.3. Let $u$ be a monotone function on $\mathbf{B}$ satisfying (1.2). Then $u$ has a nontangential limit at $\xi \in \partial \mathbf{B}$ except in a set of $C_{1, \Phi_{p}, \alpha}$-capacity zero. For the case $\varphi \equiv 1$, see [8, Theorem 5.2].

In fact, to show this, we define

$$
\tilde{E}=\left\{\xi \in \partial \mathbf{B}: \int_{\mathbf{B}}|\xi-y|^{1-n}|\nabla u(y)| d y=\infty\right\}
$$

and set $F=\tilde{E} \cup E_{1}$, where $E_{1}$ is as in Theorem 1.1. Note that $\tilde{E}$ is of $C_{1, \Phi_{p}, \alpha^{-}}$ capacity zero by the definition of $C_{1, \Phi_{p}, \alpha}$-capacity, and $F$ is of $C_{1, \Phi_{p}, \alpha}$-capacity zero by Remark 1.3. If $\xi \notin \tilde{E}$, then $u$ has a finite radial limit $L$. In view of Theorem 1.1, we see that if $\xi \in \partial \mathbf{B} \backslash F$, then $u$ has a nontangential limit $L$ at $\xi$.

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