

AREA INTEGRAL ASSOCIATED WITH  
SINGULAR MEASURES ON THE UNIT SPHERE ON  $C^n$

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**1. Introduction.** The purpose of this paper is to study some problems relating to the Lusin area integral [8]. In [1], P. Ahern and A. Nagel introduced a modified area integral, which is given by, for  $0 < p < 2$ ,

$$G_p(f)^2(\xi) = \int_{\mathcal{A}_\alpha(\xi)} \left[ |\nabla f(z)|^2 \rho(z)^{1-n+2(n-m)/p} + |\nabla_T f(z)|^2 \rho(z)^{-n+2(n-m)/p} \right] d\nu(z)$$

and they proved that if  $\mu$  is a positive measure on the boundary of the unit ball, such that  $\mu(B(\xi, \delta)) \leq C\delta^m$ , (hence  $\mu$  may be singular) then the following singular area integral inequality, for every  $f$  in  $H^p$ ,  $1 < p < 2$ ,

$$\|G_p(f)\|_{L^p(d\mu)} \leq C_p \|f\|_{H^p}.$$

The proof proceeds in two steps. First they showed in [1] that the term involving the tangential part of the gradient is essentially dominated by the other term. To treat the other part they applied an analogue, for domains in  $C^n$ , of the tent space  $T_\infty^1$ , which is introduced by R.R. Coifman, Y. Meyer and E. Stein [2, 3].

In this paper the result of Ahern-Nagel will be extended to the case  $0 < p \leq 2$ . Here the main tool is not  $T_\infty^1$  space but  $T_2^p$  space.

**2. Preliminaries and terminologies.** For two complex  $n$  vectors  $z = (z_1, \dots, z_n)$  and  $w = (w_1, \dots, w_n)$ , the inner product  $\langle z, w \rangle$  is given by  $\langle z, w \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^n z_i \bar{w}_i$ , and the corresponding norm will be  $|z| = (\sum_{i=1}^n |z_i|^2)^{1/2}$ . For  $\xi, \eta$  in the unit sphere  $S$  of the unit ball  $B = \{|z| < 1\}$  and  $\delta < 0$ , let  $\rho(\xi, \eta) = |1 - \langle \xi, \eta \rangle|$  and  $B(\xi, \delta) = \{\eta \in S : \rho(\eta, \xi) < \delta\}$ .

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Then it is well known [3, 7] that  $\rho$  defines a pseudo-metric on  $S$  and that the triple  $(S, \rho, d\sigma)$  is a space of homogeneous type. Here  $d\sigma$  denotes the area measure on  $S$ . Observe that  $\sigma(B(\xi, \delta))$  is roughly proportional to  $\delta^n$  for small  $\delta > 0$ . In this setting, we introduce an approach region associated with these balls. For  $\alpha > 1$  and  $\xi \in S$ , let  $\mathcal{A}_\alpha(\xi) = \{z \in B : |1 - \langle z, \xi \rangle| < \alpha(1 - |z|)\}$ . Then  $\mathcal{A}_\alpha(\xi)$  is called an admissible approach region. This terminology is due to Koranyi [6]. Throughout this paper  $d\nu$  denotes the Lebesgue measure on  $C^n$ .

As usual, throughout this paper  $C$  will denote a constant not necessarily the same at each occurrence.

**3. Results.** For a closed subset  $F \subset S$ , and  $\alpha > 1$ , let  $\mathcal{R}^\alpha(F) = \cup\{\mathcal{A}_\alpha(\xi) : \xi \in F\}$ . The tent  $T(O)$  over an open set  $O = F^c$  is defined by the complement of  $\mathcal{R}^\alpha(F)$ .

Let  $f$  be a function defined on the unit ball  $B$ . Define a functional  $A(f)$ , for  $\xi \in S$ , by

$$A(f)(\xi) = \left[ \int_{\mathcal{A}_\alpha(\xi)} |f(z)|^2 \frac{d\nu(z)}{(1 - |z|)^{n+1}} \right]^{1/2}.$$

Then  $f$  is said to be in  $T_2^p$  if  $A(f) \in L^p(d\sigma)$ .

A function  $a(z)$  defined on  $B$  is said to be a  $(p, 2)$ -atom if

- (i)  $a(z)$  is supported on the tent  $T(B(\xi, \delta))$  of a ball  $B(\xi, \delta)$ , and
- (ii)

$$\int_{T(B(\xi, \delta))} \frac{|a(z)|^2 d\nu(x)}{1 - |z|} \leq [\sigma(B(\xi, \delta))]^{1-2/p}.$$

Note that a constant function is also an atom.

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $f \in T_2^p$ ,  $0 < p \leq 1$ . Then there exist a constant  $C_p$ , a sequence  $\{a_j\}$  of  $(p, 2)$ -atoms, and a sequence  $\{\lambda_j\}$  of positive numbers so that*

$$|f(z)| \leq \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \lambda_j |a_j(z)| \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \lambda_j^p \leq C_p \|A(f)\|_{L^p(d\sigma)}^p.$$

Fundamental arguments of the proof of Theorem 1 are due to those in [3]: Let  $F$  be a closed subset of  $S$ . Let  $\gamma$  be fixed and  $0 < \gamma < 1$ .

Then we say that a point  $\xi \in S$  has a global  $\gamma$ -density with respect to  $F$  if  $\sigma[F \cap B(\xi, \delta)] / (\sigma[B(\xi, \delta)]) \geq \gamma$  for all  $\delta > 0$ . Let  $\gamma(F)$  be the set of all the points of a global  $\gamma$ -density with respect to  $F$ . Note that  $\gamma(F)$  is a closed set and  $\gamma(F)^c = \{\xi \in S : \mathcal{M}(\chi_{F^c})(\xi) > 1 - \gamma\}$ , where  $\chi_{F^c}$  is the characteristic function of the open set  $F^c$  and  $\mathcal{M}$  denotes Hardy-Littlewood's maximal function.

**Lemma 1.** *Let  $F$  be a closed subset of  $S$ . Then there is a constant  $C_\gamma$  so that  $\sigma[\gamma(F)^c] \leq C_\gamma \sigma(F^c)$ .*

*Proof.* Since Hardy-Littlewood's maximal function  $\mathcal{M}$  is of weak type  $(1,1)$ , there exists a constant  $C$  so that  $\sigma[\{\xi \in S : \mathcal{M}(\chi_{F^c})(\xi) > 1 - \gamma\}] \leq (C/(1 - \gamma)) \|\chi_{F^c}\|_{L^1(d\sigma)} = (C/(1 - \gamma)) \sigma(F^c)$ . But the left side of the above inequality is equal to  $\sigma[\gamma(F)^c]$  and so the proof is completed.  $\square$

**Lemma 2.** *Suppose  $\alpha > 1$  is given. Then there exist constants  $C_{\alpha,\gamma}$  and  $\gamma$ ,  $0 < \gamma < 1$ , sufficiently close to 1, so that whenever  $F$  is a closed subset of  $S$  and  $\Phi$  is a nonnegative function defined on the unit ball  $B$ , then*

$$\int_{\mathcal{R}^{(\alpha)}(\gamma(F))} \Phi(z)(1 - |z|)^n d\nu(z) \leq C_{\alpha,\gamma} \int_F \int_{\mathcal{A}_4(\xi)} \Phi(z) d\nu(z) d\sigma(\xi).$$

*Proof.* Fubini's theorem gives

$$\int_F \int_{\mathcal{A}_4(\xi)} \Phi(z) d\nu(z) d\sigma(\xi) = \int_S \Phi(z) \left[ \int_F \chi_{\mathcal{A}_4(\xi)}(z) d\sigma(\xi) \right] d\nu(z),$$

and so, for given  $z \in \mathcal{R}^{(\alpha)}(\gamma(F))$ , it will suffice to show that there exists a constant  $C_{\alpha,\gamma}$  so that

$$(1) \quad \int_F \chi_{\mathcal{A}_4(\xi)}(z) d\sigma(\xi) \geq C_{\alpha,\gamma}(1 - |z|)^n.$$

Let  $z \in \mathcal{R}^{(\alpha)}(\gamma(F))$ . Then there exists  $\xi \in \gamma(F)$  so that  $z \in \mathcal{A}_{(\alpha)}(\xi)$ . Now it is obvious by geometric observation that

$$(2) \quad \sigma[B(\xi, \alpha(1 - |z|)) \cap B(z/|z|, 1 - |z|)^c] \leq C_\alpha \sigma[B(\xi, \alpha(\alpha - |z|))]$$

for some  $C_\alpha < 1$ . However, it can easily be verified that

$$\begin{aligned}
 (3) \quad & \sigma[F \cap B(z/|z|, 1 - |z|)] + \sigma[B(\xi, \alpha(1 - |z|)) \cap B(z/|z|, 1 - |z|)^c] \\
 & \leq \sigma[F \cap B(\xi, \alpha(1 - |z|)) \cap B(z/|z|, 1 - |z|)] \\
 & \quad + \sigma[F \cap B(\xi, \alpha(1 - |z|)) \cap B(z/|z|, 1 - |z|)^c] \\
 & = \sigma[F \cap B(\xi, \alpha(1 - |z|))].
 \end{aligned}$$

By the property of a global  $\gamma$ -density, (2) and (3) imply that

$$\begin{aligned}
 (4) \quad & \sigma[F \cap B(z/|z|, 1 - |z|)] \leq [F \cap B(\xi, \alpha(1 - |z|))] \\
 & \quad - \alpha[B(\xi, 1 - |z|) \cap B(z/|z|, 1 - |z|)^c] \\
 & \geq (\gamma - C_\alpha)\sigma[B(\xi, \alpha(1 - |z|))]
 \end{aligned}$$

for  $\gamma$  sufficiently close to 1. If  $\xi \in B(z/|z|, 1 - |z|)$ , then  $|1 - \langle z, \xi \rangle| \leq 2(|1 - \langle z, z/|z| \rangle| + |1 - \langle z/|z|, \xi \rangle|) \leq 4(1 - |z|)$ , and so  $z \in \mathcal{A}_4(\xi)$ . Thus, from (4) it follows that

$$\begin{aligned}
 (5) \quad & \int_F \chi_{\mathcal{A}_4(\xi)}(z) d\sigma(\xi) \geq \sigma[F \cap B(z/|z|, 1 - |z|)] \\
 & \geq C_{\alpha, \gamma} \sigma[B(\xi, \alpha(1 - |z|))].
 \end{aligned}$$

But in (5) we know that  $\sigma[B(\xi, \alpha(1 - |z|))] \approx (1 - |z|)^n$  and this gives the inequality (1).  $\square$

**Lemma 3.** *Suppose  $O$  is an open set of  $S$ . If  $z \in T(O)$ , then  $B(z/|z|, 1 - |z|) \subset O$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $z \in T(O)$ . Then  $z \notin \mathcal{A}_4(\xi)$  for all  $\xi \in F = O^c$ . That is,  $|1 - \langle z, \xi \rangle| \geq 4(1 - |z|)$  for all  $\xi \in F$ . On the other hand, if  $\xi \in B(z/|z|, 1 - |z|)$ , then  $|1 - \langle z, \xi \rangle| \leq 2[|1 - \langle z/|z|, \xi \rangle| + |1 - \langle z, z/|z| \rangle|] < 4(1 - |z|)$ . Thus,  $\xi \in O$ .  $\square$

Finally, we need a covering lemma of Whitney type [4]:

**Lemma 4.** *Let  $O \subset S$  be an open set. Then there are positive constants  $M$ ,  $A > 1$ ,  $B > 1$  and  $C < 1$ , which depend only on the dimension, and a sequence  $\{B(\xi_i, \delta_i)\}$  of balls such that  $\cup_{i=1}^\infty B(\xi_i, \delta_i) =$*

$O$ ,  $B(\xi_i, B\delta_i) \subset O$ ,  $B(\xi_i, A\delta_i) \cap O^c \neq \emptyset$ , the balls  $B(\xi_i, C\delta_i)$  are pairwise disjoint, and no point in  $O$  lies in more than  $M$  of the balls  $B(\xi_i, B\delta_i)$ .

*Proof of Theorem 1.* Define, for each integer  $k$ ,

$$O_k = F_k^c = \{\xi \in S; A(f)(\xi) > 2^k\}.$$

Let  $O_k^* = \gamma(F_k)^c$ . Then by the property of a global  $\gamma$ -density (with  $\gamma$  sufficiently close to 1), it follows that  $O_k^* = \{\xi \in S : \mathcal{M}(\chi_{O_k})(\xi) > 1 - \lambda\}$ . From Lemma 1 it follows that  $\sigma[O_k^*] \leq C_r \sigma[O_k]$ . Observe that for each  $k$ ,  $O_{k+1} \subset O_k$ ,  $O_k \subset O_k^*$ ,  $T(O_k) \subset T(O_k^*)$ , and  $\cup_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} T(O_k^*)$  contains the support of  $f$ . Since  $\gamma(F_k)$  is a closed subset of  $S$ ,  $O_k^*$  is an open set. Let  $O_k^* = \cup_{j=1}^{\infty} B(\xi_{k,j}, \delta_{k,j}) \equiv \cup_{j=1}^{\infty} B_{k,j}$  be a Whitney decomposition of the open set  $O_k^*$ .

Let  $\tilde{B}_{k,j} = B(\xi_{k,j}, CM\delta_{k,j})$ , where  $M$  is given in Lemma 4 and  $C$  will be chosen sufficiently large in a moment. By Lemma 3, we know that  $z \in T(O_k^*)$  implies that  $B(z/|z|, 1 - |z|) \subset O_k^*$ . Let  $z/|z| \in B_{k,j_0}$  for some  $j_0$ . If  $\eta \in B(\xi_{k,j_0}, M\delta_{k,j_0}) \cap \gamma(F_k)$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} 1 - |z| &\leq |1 - \langle z/|z|, \eta \rangle| \\ (6) \quad &\leq 2|1 - \langle z/|z|, \xi_{k,j_0} \rangle| + |1 - \langle \xi_{k,j_0}, \eta \rangle| \\ &\leq 2(1 + M)\delta_{k,j_0}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, if  $\xi \in B(z/|z|, 1 - |z|)$ , then it follows from (6) that

$$\begin{aligned} |1 - \langle \xi_{k,j_0}, \xi \rangle| &\leq 2|1 - \langle \xi_{k,j_0}, z/|z| \rangle| + |1 - \langle z/|z|, \xi \rangle| \\ &< 2[\delta_{k,j_0} + 1 - |z|] \\ &< 2[\delta_{k,j_0} + 2(1 + M)\delta_{k,j_0}] \\ &= (6 + 2M)\delta_{k,j_0} \end{aligned}$$

If we choose  $C$  so that  $6 + 2M < CM$ , it follows that  $B(z/|z|, 1 - |z|) \subset B(\xi_{k,j_0}, CM\delta_{k,j_0}) \equiv \tilde{B}_{k,j_0}$  and so  $T(B(z/|z|, 1 - |z|)) \subset T(\tilde{B}_{k,j_0})$ . Thus we can write  $T(O_k^*) \cap T(O_{k+1}^c) = \cup_{j=1}^{\infty} \Delta_{k,j}$ , where

$$\Delta_{k,j} = T(\tilde{B}_{k,j}) \cap [T(O_k^*) \cap T(O_{k+1}^c)].$$

We distinguish two cases (A) and (B):

*Case (A).* For every  $k$ , suppose that  $O_k^* \neq S$ . If we let  $\chi_{k,j}$  be the characteristic function of the set  $\Delta_{k,j}$ , then we have

$$(7) \quad |f(z)| \leq \sum_{k,j} |f(z)| \chi_{k,j}(z) \equiv \sum_{k,j} |a_{k,j}| \lambda_{k,j},$$

where

$$a_{k,j}(z) = f(z) \chi_{k,j} \sigma[\tilde{B}_{k,j}]^{1/2-1/p} \left[ \int_{\Delta_{k,j}} |f(z)|^2 \frac{d\nu(z)}{1-|z|} \right]^{-1/2},$$

and

$$\lambda_{k,j} = \sigma[\tilde{B}_{k,j}]^{-1/2+1/p} \left[ \int_{\Delta_{k,j}} |f(z)|^2 \frac{d\nu(z)}{1-|z|} \right]^{1/2}.$$

It is easy to check that  $a_{k,j}$  is a  $(p, 2)$ -atom associated with the ball  $\tilde{B}_{k,j}$ . Now put  $F = O_{k+1}^c$ ,  $R^{(\alpha)}(\gamma(F)) = T(O_{k+1}^*)^c$ ,  $\gamma(F) = (O_{k+1}^*)^c$ , and  $\Phi(z) = |f(z)|^2 (1/(1-|z|)^{n+1}) \chi_{T(\tilde{B}_{k,j})}(z)$ , and apply Lemma 2 to obtain the following inequalities

$$(8) \quad \begin{aligned} \int_{\Delta_{k,j}} |f(z)|^2 \frac{d\nu(z)}{1-|z|} &\leq \int_{T(\tilde{B}_{k,j}) \cap T(O_{k+1}^*)^c} |f(z)|^2 \frac{d\nu(z)}{1-|z|} \\ &\leq \int_{T(O_{k+1}^*)^c} \chi_{T(\tilde{B}_{k,j})}(z) |f(z)|^2 \frac{d\nu(z)}{1-|z|} \\ &\leq C_{\alpha,\gamma} \int_{O_{k+1}^c} \int_{\mathcal{A}_4(\xi)} |f(z)|^2 \chi_{T(\tilde{B}_{k,j})}(z) \frac{d\nu(z) d\sigma(\xi)}{(1-|z|)^{1+n}} \\ &\leq C_{\alpha,\gamma} \int_{O_{k+1}^c \cap \tilde{B}_{k,j}} A(f)^2(\xi) d\sigma(\xi) \\ &\leq C_{\alpha,\gamma} 2^{2(k+1)} \sigma(\tilde{B}_{k,j}). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\sigma(\tilde{B}_{k,j}) \leq C\sigma(B_{k,j})$  by the doubling property of  $B_{k,j}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k,j} \lambda_{k,j}^p &= \sum_{k,j} \sigma(\tilde{B}_{k,j})^{1-p/2} \left[ \int_{\Delta_{k,j}} |f(z)|^2 \frac{d\nu(z)}{1-|z|} \right]^{p/2} \\ &\leq C_p \sum_{k,j} 2^{pk} \sigma(B_{k,j})^{1-p/2} \sigma(B_{k,j})^{p/2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\leq C_p \sum_{k,j} 2^{pk} \sigma(B_{k,j}) \\
&\leq C_p \sum_k 2^{pk} \sigma(O_k^*) \\
&\leq C_p \sum_k 2^{pk} \sigma(O_k) \\
&\leq C_p \|A(f)\|_{L^p(d\sigma)}^p.
\end{aligned}$$

*Case (B).* If the case (A) does not occur, then there is an integer  $n$  such that  $O_n^* = S$ . Without loss of generality, we may assume  $n = 1$ . Then  $O_1^* = S$ , and  $O_k^* \neq S$  if  $k > 1$ . Let  $\Delta_1 = B \cap T(O_2^*)^c$ ,  $\lambda_1 = \sigma(S)^{-1/2+1/p} [\int_{\Delta_1} |f(z)|^2 d\nu(z)/(1-|z|)]^{-1/2}$ , where  $\chi_{\Delta_1}$  is the characteristic function of  $\Delta_1$ . Then it can be shown that  $a_1$  is a  $(p, 2)$ -atom supported on  $B$ . For  $k > 1$ , define  $a_{k,j}$  as before. Then we have

$$\begin{aligned}
|f(z)| &\leq |f(z)|\chi_{\Delta_1}(z) + \sum_{k \geq 2, j} |f(z)|\chi_{k,j}(z) \\
&= \lambda_1 a_1 + \sum_{k \geq 2, j} \lambda_{k,j} a_{j,k}.
\end{aligned}$$

Again apply Lemma 2 to obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
\lambda_1^p &= \sigma(S)^{-p/2+1} \left[ \int_{\Delta_1} |f(z)|^2 \frac{d\nu(z)}{1-|z|} \right]^{p/2} \\
&\leq C \sigma(S)^{-p/2+1} \left[ \int_{O_2^c} \int_{A_4(\xi)} |f(z)|^2 \frac{d\nu(z)}{(1-|z|)^{n+1}} \right]^{p/2} \\
&\leq C \sigma(S)^{-p/2+1} \left[ \int_{O_2^c} A(f)^2(\xi) d\sigma(\xi) \right]^{p/2} \\
&\leq C \sigma(S) \\
&\leq C \sigma(O_1) \\
&\leq C \|A(f)\|_{L^p(d\sigma)}^p.
\end{aligned}$$

For  $k \geq 2$  we have as before  $\sum_{k,j} \lambda_{k,j}^p \leq c \|A(f)\|_{L^p(d\sigma)}^p$ . This completes the proof of Theorem 1.  $\square$

Define a functional  $W_p$  by, for  $\xi \in S$ ,

$$W_p(f)(\xi) = \left[ \int_{\mathcal{A}_4(\xi)} |f(z)|^2 \frac{(1-|z|)^{2(n-m)/p}}{(1-|z|)^{1+n}} d\nu(z) \right]^{1/2}.$$

Note that  $W_p = A$  if  $m = n$ .

**Lemma 5.** *Suppose  $\mu$  is a positive measure on  $S$  satisfying  $\mu(B(\xi, \delta)) \leq C\delta^m$ . Let  $a$  be a  $(p, 2)$ -atom,  $0 < p \leq 1$ , supported on the tent  $T(B(\xi, \delta))$ . Then there exists a constant  $C_p$  so that  $\int_S W_p(a)^2 d\mu(\xi) \leq C_p$ .*

*Proof.* Put

$$\chi(z, \xi) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } z \in \mathcal{A}_4(\xi), \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} (9) \quad & \int_S W_p(a)^2(\xi) d\nu(\xi) \\ &= \int_S \int_{\mathcal{A}_4(\xi)} |a(z)|^2 \frac{(1-|z|)^{2(n-m)/p}}{(1-|z|)^{1+n}} d\nu(z) d\mu(\xi) \\ &= \int_B |a(z)|^2 \frac{(1-|z|)^{2(n-m)/p}}{(1-|z|)^{1+n}} \left[ \int_S \chi(z, \xi) d\mu(\xi) \right] d\nu(z). \end{aligned}$$

It is easy to check that, for fixed  $z \neq 0$ ,  $\chi(z, \xi) = 1$  only on  $B(z/|z|, 6(1-|z|))$  and so

$$\int_S \chi(z, \xi) d\nu(\xi) \leq C(1-|z|)^m,$$

for some constant  $C$ . Now it is true from Lemma 3 that  $1-|z| \leq 4\delta$  for  $z \in T(B(\xi, \delta))$  and for small  $\delta > 0$ . Thus the last integral in (9) is less than

$$C \int_{T(B(\xi, \delta))} |a(z)|^2 \frac{(1-|z|)^{2(n-m)/p}}{(1-|z|)^{1+n}} d\nu(z),$$



which is again less than  $C\mu[B(\xi, \delta)]^{1-2/p}$ . Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_S W_p(a)^p(\xi) d\mu(\xi) &\leq \left[ \int_S W_p(a)^2(\xi) d\mu(\xi) \right]^{p/2} \left[ \int_S \chi_{B(\xi, \delta)}(\xi) d\mu(\xi) \right]^{(2-p)/2} \\ &\leq C_p. \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.** *Let  $\mu$  be a positive measure on  $S$  which satisfies  $\mu(B(\xi, \delta)) \leq C\delta^m$ . If  $0 < p \leq 1$ , then there exists a constant  $C_p$  so that*

$$\|W_p(f)\|_{L^p(d\mu)} \leq C_p \|A(f)\|_{L^p(d\sigma)} \quad \text{for all } f \in T_2^p.$$

*Proof.* Let  $f \in T_2^p$ . It follows from Theorem 1 that there exist a constant  $C$ , a sequence  $\{a_j\}$  of  $(p, 2)$ -atoms and a sequence  $\{\lambda_j\}$  of positive numbers so that

$$|f(z)| \leq \sum \lambda_j |a_j(z)| \quad \text{and} \quad \sum \lambda_j^p \leq C \|A(f)\|_{L^p(d\sigma)}^p.$$

Replace  $|f(z)|$  by its majorant  $\sum \lambda_j |a_j(z)|$  to obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} (10) \quad W_p(f)^2(\xi) &= \int_{\mathcal{A}_4(\xi)} \left[ \sum_j \lambda_j |a_j(z)| \right]^2 \frac{(1 - |z|)^{2(n-m)/p}}{(1 - |z|)^{1+n}} d\nu(z) \\ &\leq \left[ \sum_j \lambda_j W_p(a_j)(\xi) \right]^2 \end{aligned}$$

by Theorem 1 and the Schwarz inequality. Integrate both sides of (10) with respect to  $d\mu(\xi)$  and apply Lemma 5 to get

$$\begin{aligned} \int_S W_p(f)^p(\xi) d\mu(\xi) &\leq \int_S \sum_j \lambda_j^p W_p(a_j)^p(\xi) d\mu(\xi) \\ &\leq C_p \|A(f)\|_{L^p(d\sigma)}^p. \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof.  $\square$

**4. Generalized area integral.** In this section we study a modified area integral of Lusin type. Let  $\mu$  denote a positive measure on  $S$  which satisfies  $\mu(B(\xi, \delta)) \leq C\delta^m$ . Define, for  $0 < p \leq 2$ ,

$$G_p(f)^2(\xi) = \int_{\mathcal{A}_4(\xi)} \left[ |\nabla f(z)|^2 (1 - |z|)^{1-n+2(n-m)/p} + |\nabla_T f(z)|^2 (1 - |z|)^{-n+2(n-m)/p} \right] d\nu(z).$$

Here  $\nabla_T f$  denotes the gradient of  $f$  in the tangential direction.

Let  $H^p(B)$  be the family of all holomorphic functions defined on the unit ball in  $C^n$  satisfying the following growth condition  $\int_S |f(r\xi)|^p d\sigma(\xi) < \infty$  for all  $r$ ,  $0 < r < 1$ . Denote  $\|f\|_{H^p}$  by

$$\|f\|_{H^p} = \sup_{0 < r < 1} \left[ \int_S |f(r\xi)|^p d\sigma(\xi) \right]^{1/p}.$$

For the general reference about the  $H^p$  space, see [7].

**Theorem 4.** *Let  $\mu$  be a positive measure on  $S$  satisfying  $\mu(B(\xi, \delta)) \leq C\delta^m$ . For  $0 < p \leq 2$ , there exists a constant  $C_p$  so that for every  $f \in H^p(B)$*

$$\|G_p\|_{L^p(d\mu)} \leq C_p \|f\|_{H^p}.$$

*Proof.* Due to Lemma 5.1 [1, p. 382], it suffices to deal with part of  $G_p(f)$  which does not involve the tangential component of the gradient. Now, by Theorem 3, there exists a constant  $C_p$  so that

$$(11) \quad \|W_p[(1 - |z|)|\nabla f(z)]\|_{L^p(d\mu)} \leq C_p \|A[(1 - |z|)|\nabla f(z)]\|_{L^p(d\sigma)}.$$

Again, by Theorem [8] for the standard area integral inequality of holomorphic functions, we have

$$(12) \quad \|A(1 - |z|)\nabla f(z)\|_{L^p(d\sigma)} \leq C_p \|H(f)\|_{H^p}.$$

Combining inequalities (11) and (12), we obtain the conclusion.  $\square$

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