# Hölder continuous subsolutions imply Hölder continuous solutions on domains of plurisubharmonic type m

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#### Abstract

In this paper, we prove the existence of Hölder continuous solutions for an arbitrary non-negative Borel measure  $\mu$  if there exists a Hölder continuous subsolution on a domain  $\Omega$  of plurisubharmonic type m in  $\mathbb{C}^n$ .

### 1 Introduction

Let  $0 < \alpha \leq 1$ . Through the paper by  $C^{0,\alpha}(A), A \subset \mathbb{C}^n$  we denote the set of real-valued functions which are  $\alpha$ -Hölder continuous on A. Hence,  $\varphi \in C^{0,\alpha}(A)$  if and only if there exists C > 0 such that for  $x, y \in A$  we have

$$|\varphi(x) - \varphi(y)| \le C ||x - y||^{\alpha},$$

where  $\|.\|$  denotes the usual Euclidean norm in  $\mathbb{C}^n$ . Let  $\Omega$  be a bounded domain in  $\mathbb{C}^n$  and  $\psi \in C^{0,\alpha}(\partial\Omega)$ . Assume that  $\mu$  is a non-negative Borel measure on  $\Omega$ . The Dirichlet problem with Hölder continuous solutions to the complex Monge-Ampère equation on  $\Omega$  is the following

$$MA(\Omega, \mu, \psi) : \begin{cases} u \in PSH(\Omega) \cap \mathcal{C}^{0,\gamma}(\Omega), 0 < \gamma \leq 1; \\ (dd^c u)^n = \mu \\ \lim_{z \to x} u(z) = \psi(x), \text{ for } x \in \partial\Omega. \end{cases}$$
(1.1)

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where  $PSH(\Omega)$  is the set of plurisubharmonic (psh) functions in  $\Omega$  and  $d = \partial + \overline{\partial}, d^c = (\frac{i}{4})(\overline{\partial} - \partial)$ . Then  $dd^c = (\frac{i}{2})\partial\overline{\partial}$  and  $(dd^c u)^n$  stands for the complex Monge-Ampère operator of u.

In the case  $\mu = f dV_{2n}$  where f is a function defined on  $\Omega$  and  $dV_{2n}$  denotes the Lebesgue measure on  $\mathbb{C}^n \cong \mathbb{R}^{2n}$  the regularity of the equation (1.1) was studied extensively by many authors. In [3], Bedford and Taylor proved that if  $\psi \in C^{0,2\alpha}(\partial\Omega)$ ,  $f^{\frac{1}{n}} \in C^{0,\alpha}(\overline{\Omega})$  then the equation (1.1) has a unique solution  $u = u(\Omega, f, \psi)$  and  $u(\Omega, f, \psi) \in C^{0,\alpha}(\overline{\Omega})$ . Higher regularity of solutions of (1.1) has been investigated by Caffarelli, Kohn, Nirenberg and Spruck in [5]. In [5] under assuming smoothness of the data  $\psi, f$  and nondegeneracy of the density f > 0, they showed that  $u(\Omega, f, \psi) \in C^{\infty}(\Omega)$ . Krylov in [16] proved that if  $\psi \in C^{3,1}(\partial\Omega)$  and  $f \geq 0, f^{\frac{1}{n}} \in C^{1,1}(\overline{\Omega})$  then  $u(\Omega, f, \psi) \in C^{1,1}(\overline{\Omega})$ . When  $\Omega$  is a bounded strictly pseudoconvex domain in  $\mathbb{C}^n$ , in [9], Guedi, Kołodziej and Zeriahi investigated the Hölder continuity of solutions of (1.1). They in [9] proved that if  $\psi \in C^{1,1}(\partial\Omega), 0 \leq f \in L^p(\Omega)$ , for some p > 1, is bounded near the boundary then  $u = u(\Omega, f, \psi)$  is the  $\alpha$ -Hölder continuity with  $0 < \alpha < \frac{2}{nq+1}, \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$ . Next, Charabati extended the above result of Guedj, Kołodziej and Zeriahi to bounded strongly hyperconvex Lipschitz domains in  $\mathbb{C}^n$  (see [7]). Recently, one are interested in a new direction of study for Hölder continuous solutions of the equation (1.1). Namely, let  $\mu$  be a non-negative Borel measure on a bounded pseudoconvex domain  $\Omega$  in  $\mathbb{C}^n$  and  $\psi$  is a Hölder continuous function on  $\partial\Omega$ . Assume that there exists  $\varphi \in PSH(\Omega) \cap C^{0,\alpha}(\overline{\Omega})$  such that  $\mu < (dd^c \varphi)^n$ . Is there a  $0 < \gamma \leq 1$  and a real-valued function u such that

$$MA(\Omega, \mu, \psi) : \begin{cases} u \in PSH(\Omega) \cap \mathcal{C}^{0,\gamma}(\overline{\Omega}), 0 < \gamma \leq 1; \\ (dd^c u)^n = \mu \\ \lim_{z \to x} u(z) = \psi(x), \text{ for } x \in \partial\Omega, \end{cases}$$
(1.2)

(Question 17 in [10]). This problem makes readers to connect to the earlier result proved by Kołodziej in [13] (also see Problem C in [14]). This is if  $\Omega$  is a strictly pseudoconvex domain in  $\mathbb{C}^n$  and  $\psi \in C(\partial\Omega)$ . Let  $\mu$  be a non-negative Borel measure on  $\Omega$ . If there exists a subsolution for  $\mu$  in the sense that there exists  $v \in PSH(\Omega) \cap L^{\infty}(\Omega)$ ,  $\mu \leq (dd^c v)^n$ ,  $\lim_{z \to x} v(z) =$  $\psi(x)$  for all  $x \in \partial\Omega$  then we can find  $u \in PSH(\Omega) \cap L^{\infty}(\Omega)$ ,  $\lim_{z \to x} u(z) =$  $\psi(x), x \in \partial\Omega$  and  $(dd^c u)^n = \mu$  on  $\Omega$ . The equation (1.2) was solved recently by Ngoc Cuong Nguyen in [18]. In [18], under the assumption that  $\Omega$  is a strictly pseudoconvex domain in  $\mathbb{C}^n$ ,  $\psi = 0$  on  $\partial\Omega$  and  $\int_{\Omega} (dd^c \varphi)^n < +\infty$ , Ngoc Cuong Nguyen showed that there exists  $0 < \gamma \leq 1$  and  $u \in C^{0,\gamma}(\Omega)$ such that u satisfies the equation (1.2). Recently, in the most new preprint (see [19]), Ngoc Cuong Nguyen removed the hypothesis  $\int_{\Omega} (dd^c \varphi)^n < +\infty$ . However, in question 17 in [10], Zeriahi asked that to look for a Hölder continuous solution of equation (1.2) under assumption that  $\Omega$  is a bounded pseudoconvex domain in  $\mathbb{C}^n$ . In this paper we try to replace the hypothesis  $\Omega$  is a strictly pseudoconvex domain by a more weak hypothesis. This is  $\Omega$  is a bounded domain of plurisubharmonic type m (see the precise definition in Section 2 below). Then we get the following.

**Theorem 1.1.** Let  $\Omega$  be a bounded domain of plurisubharmonic type mand  $\mu$  be a non-negative Borel measure on  $\Omega$ . Assme that there exists  $\varphi \in \mathcal{E}_0(\Omega) \cap C^{0,\alpha}(\overline{\Omega})$  with  $\mu \leq (dd^c \varphi)^n$ .

Then

i) there exists a unique w ∈ E<sub>0</sub>(Ω) ∩ C<sup>0</sup>(Ω) such that (dd<sup>c</sup>w)<sup>n</sup> = μ on Ω.
ii) if the function ρ in the definition of this domain is in the class E<sub>0</sub>(Ω) then there is a 0 < γ ≤ α such that the Dirichlet problem</li>

$$MA(\Omega, \mu, \gamma, 0) : \begin{cases} u \in PSH(\Omega) \cap \mathcal{C}^{0,\gamma}(\overline{\Omega}), \\ (dd^{c}u)^{n} = \mu, \\ u|_{\partial\Omega} = 0. \end{cases}$$
(1.3)

is solvable on  $\Omega$ .

Note that techniques we use in the proof of the paper come from results in [18] and [11]. We also give an example in Section 2 which shows that the function  $\rho$  in the definition of domains of plurisubharmonic type min [11], may be, is not in the class  $\mathcal{E}_0(\Omega)$  introduced in [6]. Now we say something about the organization of the paper. In Section 2 we recall some elements of pluripotential theory and the classes  $\mathcal{E}_0(\Omega)$  and  $\mathcal{E}'_0(\Omega)$  introduced and investgated by Cegrell in [6] and Ngoc Cuong Nguyen in [18] recently. Section 3 is devoted to the proof of Theorem 1.1.

# 2 Preliminairies

First, some elements of pluripotential theory that will be used throughout the paper can be found in [1], [2], [3], [4], [6], [7], [9], [11], [12], [14], [15], [20].

**2.1.** First, we recall the definition of a domain of plurisubharmonic type m in  $\mathbb{C}^n$  introduced in [11] ( also see [20] and [2]).

Let m > 0 and let  $\Omega$  be a pseudoconvex domain in  $\mathbb{C}^n$ .  $\Omega$  is said to be of plurisubharmonic type m if there exists a bounded negative function  $\rho \in C^{0,\frac{2}{m}}(\overline{\Omega})$  such that  $\{\rho < -\varepsilon\} \Subset \Omega$  for all  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $\rho(z) - ||z||^2$  is plurisubharmonic in  $\Omega$ .

From the above definition we note that every smooth bounded strictly pseudoconvex domain in  $\mathbb{C}^n$  is of plurisubharmonic type 1. Moreover, every domain of plurisubharmonic type m is a hyperconvex domain. Here a domain  $\Omega$  in  $\mathbb{C}^n$  is called to be hyperconvex if there exists a plurisubharmonic function  $\varphi : \Omega \longrightarrow (-\infty, 0)$  such that for every c < 0 the set  $\Omega_c = \{z \in \Omega : \varphi(z) < c\} \Subset \Omega$ . However, from the above definition, in general,  $\rho$  is not a defining function for  $\Omega$ . Moreover, under the hypotheses for  $\rho$ , may be,  $\int (dd^c \rho)^n = +\infty$ . We consider the following example.

**2.2. Example.** Let  $\mathbb{B}(0,1) = \{(z,w) \in \mathbb{C}^2 : |z|^2 + |w|^2 < 1\}$  be the unit ball in  $\mathbb{C}^2$ . Set

$$p(z,w) = -(1-|z|^2 - |w|^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

$$\begin{split} \rho(z,w) &= -(1 - |z| - |w|)^{-z}. \\ \text{Is is clear that } -1 &\leq \rho(z,w) < 0 \text{ on } \mathbb{B}(0,1), \ \lim_{(z,w) \to \partial \mathbb{B}(0,1)} \rho(z,w) = 0, \end{split}$$
 $\rho(z,w) \in C^2(\mathbb{B}(0,1))$  and is a radial symmetric function. By an elementary computation we note that the function  $\rho(z, w)$  is a Hölder continuous function on  $\overline{\mathbb{B}}(0,1)$  with exponent  $0 < \alpha \leq \frac{1}{4}$ . Next, we prove that  $\int_{\mathbb{B}(0,1)} (dd^c \rho)^2 = +\infty$ . Indeed, set  $r = \sqrt{|z|^2 + |w|^2}$ . Then we can write  $\rho(r) = -\sqrt{(1-r^2)}$ . By Proposition 2.3 in [17] we have

$$(dd^{c}\rho)^{2} = \frac{1}{8} \frac{(2-|z|^{2}-|w|^{2})}{(1-|z|^{2}-|w|^{2})^{2}} dV_{4},$$

where  $dV_4$  is the Lebesgue measure in  $\mathbb{C}^2 \cong \mathbb{R}^4$ . Then

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$$\int_{\mathbb{B}(0,1)} (dd^c \rho)^2 = \frac{1}{8} \int_0^1 \left( \int_{\partial \mathbb{B}(0,r)} \frac{(2-r^2)}{(1-r^2)^2} d\sigma(x) \right) dr$$
  
$$= \frac{1}{8} \sigma(\partial \mathbb{B}(0,1)) \int_0^1 \frac{(2-r^2)r^3 dr}{(1-r^2)^2}$$
  
$$= \frac{1}{16} \sigma(\partial \mathbb{B}(0,1)) \int_0^1 \frac{(2-t)t dt}{(1-t)^2}$$
  
$$= \frac{1}{16} \sigma(\partial \mathbb{B}(0,1)) \int_0^1 \left( -1 + \frac{1}{(1-t)^2} \right) dt = +\infty,$$

where  $\sigma(\partial \mathbb{B}(0,1))$  denotes the Lebesgue measure of the sphere  $\partial \mathbb{B}(0,1)$ . The desired conclusion follows.

**2.3. Remark.** A similar result as the above example can be found in Demailly's paper (see [8], p. 542).

**2.4.** In the note, by  $PSH(\Omega)$  we denote the set of plurisubharmonic functions on  $\Omega$  while by  $PSH^{-}(\Omega)$  we denote the set of negative plurisubharmonic functions on  $\Omega$ .

Now we recall some classes of plurisubharmonic functions which are due to Cegrell (see [6]) and Ngoc Cuong Nguyen (see [18]). Let  $\Omega$  be a bounded hyperconvex domain in  $\mathbb{C}^n$ . As in [6] we define the following subclass of  $PSH^{-}(\Omega).$ 

$$\mathcal{E}_{0} = \mathcal{E}_{0}(\Omega) = \{\varphi \in \mathrm{PSH}^{-}(\Omega) \cap \mathrm{L}^{\infty}(\Omega) : \lim_{z \to \partial \Omega} \varphi(z) = 0, \quad \int_{\Omega} (dd^{c}\varphi)^{n} < \infty \}.$$

The following subclass  $\mathcal{E}'_0(\Omega)$  of  $\mathcal{E}_0(\Omega)$  introduced in [18],

$$\mathcal{E}'_0(\Omega) = \{ \varphi \in \mathcal{E}_0(\Omega) : \int_{\Omega} (dd^c \varphi)^n \le 1 \}.$$

**2.5.** Through the paper we will use the following notation. We will write " $A \leq B$ " if there exists a constant C such that  $A \leq CB$ . Moreover, we write  $u \in C^{0,\alpha}(\overline{\Omega})$  if u is  $\alpha$ -Hölder continuous on  $\overline{\Omega}$ .

# 3 The proof of Theorem 1.1.

Now we prove  $\mathbf{i}$ ) of Theorem 1.1.

Indeed, under the hypotheses of Theorem 1.1 and by using Theorem 4.4 in [1] there exists  $w \in \mathcal{E}_0(\Omega)$ ,  $\lim_{z \to \partial \Omega} w(z) = 0$  with  $(dd^c w)^n = \mu$  on  $\Omega$ . Take a sequence  $\varepsilon_j \searrow 0$ . Next, choose a sequence of strictly psedoconvex domains  $\Omega_j, j \ge 1$  such that

$$\Omega_j \Subset U_j = \{ w < -\varepsilon_j \} \Subset \Omega_{j+1} \Subset U_{j+1} = \{ w < -\varepsilon_{j+1} \} \Subset \Omega,$$

and  $\Omega = \bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} \Omega_j$ . Let  $\rho_j \in C^2$  in a neighbourhood of  $\overline{\Omega_j}$  be a defining function of  $\Omega_j$ , i.e. a function such that

$$\rho_i < 0 \text{ on } \Omega_i, \ \rho_i = 0 \text{ and } d\rho_i \neq 0 \text{ on } \partial \Omega_i$$

and  $\Omega_j = \{\rho_j < 0\}$ . By the hypothesis and using Lemma 2.7 in [18] we note that  $\mu$  is Hölder continuous on  $\mathcal{E}'_0$ . On the other hand, for all  $K \subseteq \Omega_j \subset \Omega$ we have  $C_n(K, \Omega) \leq C_n(K, \Omega_j)$  for  $j \geq 1$ . By Proposition 2.9 in [18] there exist uniform constants  $\alpha_1 > 0, C > 0$  such that for all  $K \subseteq \Omega_j$  we have

$$\mu(K) \le Cexp\Big(\frac{-\alpha_1}{[C_n(K,\Omega_j)]^{\frac{1}{n}}}\Big).$$
(3.1)

Theorem 5.9 in [15] implies that there exists a continuous solution  $u_j$  of the following Dirichlet problem

$$MA(\Omega, \mu, \rho_j) : \begin{cases} u_j \in PSH(\Omega_j) \cap \mathcal{C}(\overline{\Omega_j}); \\ (dd^c u_j)^n = \mu \\ \lim_{z \to x} u_j(z) = \rho_j(x) = 0, \quad \forall \quad x \in \partial\Omega. \end{cases}$$

Then it follows that  $u_j \in \mathcal{E}_0(\Omega_j) \cap C(\overline{\Omega_j})$ . From the definition of  $u_j$ , by using the comparison principle we get that  $u_{j-1} \ge u_j \ge w$  on  $\Omega_{j-1}$ . On the other hand, note that  $w + \varepsilon_j = 0$  on  $\partial U_j$  and  $u_{j+1} \le 0$  on  $U_j$ . We have

$$(dd^{c}u_{j+1})^{n} = (dd^{c}w)^{n} = (dd^{c}(w+\varepsilon_{j}))^{n}.$$
(3.2)

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Again using the comparison principle we obtain that

$$w \le u_{j+1} \le w + \varepsilon_j, \tag{3.3}$$

on  $U_j$ . From (3.3) it follows that

$$1_{U_j}|u_{j+1} - w| < \varepsilon_j.$$

Thus, we get that the sequence  $\{u_j\}$  is uniformly convergent to w on compact subsets  $K \Subset \Omega$ . Hence, w is in  $\mathcal{E}_0(\Omega) \cap C(\Omega)$ . If we set w = 0 on  $\partial\Omega$ then we get that  $w \in \mathcal{E}_0(\Omega) \cap C(\overline{\Omega})$  with  $(dd^c w)^n = \mu$  on  $\Omega$  and the proof of **i**) is complete.

ii). As in [9], for  $\delta > 0$  by  $\Omega_{\delta}$  we denote

$$\Omega_{\delta} = \{ z \in \Omega : dist(z, \partial \Omega) > \delta \},\$$

and set

$$w_{\delta}(z) = \sup_{\|\zeta\| \le \delta} w(z+\zeta), \text{ for } z \in \Omega_{\delta},$$
$$\hat{w}_{\delta}(z) = \frac{1}{\tau_{2n} \delta^{2n}} \int_{\|\zeta-z\| \le \delta} w(\zeta) dV_{2n}(\zeta), z \in \Omega_{\delta},$$

where  $\tau_{2n}$  denotes the volume of the unit ball in  $\mathbb{C}^n$  and  $dV_{2n}$  is the Lebesgue measure of  $\mathbb{C}^n \cong \mathbb{R}^{2n}$ . Since  $(dd^c w)^n \leq (dd^c \varphi)^n$  by the comparison principle in [4] it follows that

$$\varphi \le w \le 0 \quad \text{on} \quad \Omega.$$
 (3.4)

Repeating arguments as in [18] we infer that there exist constants  $c_0 = c_0(\varphi), 1 > \delta_0 > 0$  small such that for all  $0 < \delta < \delta_0, z \in \partial \Omega_{\delta}$  we have

$$w_{\delta}(z) \le w(z) + c_0 \delta^{\alpha}, \tag{3.5}$$

where  $\alpha$  is the exponent of  $\varphi$ .

Now set

$$\widetilde{w} = \begin{cases} \max\{\widehat{w}_{\delta} - c_0 \delta^{\alpha}, w\} & \text{on } \Omega_{\delta}, \\ w & \text{on } \Omega \setminus \Omega_{\delta} \end{cases}$$

Note that  $\widetilde{w} \in PSH(\Omega) \cap C(\overline{\Omega}), 0 \geq \widetilde{w} \geq w$  then  $\widetilde{w} \in \mathcal{E}_0(\Omega)$ . If put  $C_1 = \int_{\Omega} (dd^c \widetilde{w})^n, C_2 = \int_{\Omega} (dd^c w)^n$  and  $C_3 = \max\{C_1, C_2\}$  then  $\frac{\widetilde{w}}{\sqrt[n]{VC_3}}, \frac{w}{\sqrt[n]{VC_3}} \in \mathcal{E}'_0(\Omega)$ . On the other hand, from the hypothesis and using Lemma 2.7 and 2.4 in [18] it follows that the measure  $\nu = (dd^c w)^n$  is  $\alpha$ -Hölder continuous on  $\mathcal{E}'_0(\Omega)$ . Hence, Definition 2.3 in [18] implies that there exists  $0 < \alpha_1 \leq 1$  such that

$$\int_{\Omega} \left| \frac{\widetilde{w}}{\sqrt[n]{C_3}} - \frac{w}{\sqrt[n]{C_3}} \right| d\nu \le C \left\| \frac{\widetilde{w}}{\sqrt[n]{C_3}} - \frac{w}{\sqrt[n]{C_3}} \right\|_1^{\alpha_1}.$$
(3.6)

From (3.6) we infer that

$$\int_{\Omega} \left| \widetilde{w} - w \right| d\nu \lesssim \left( \int_{\Omega} |\widetilde{w} - w| dV_{2n} \right)^{\alpha_1}.$$
(3.7)

We need the following.

$$\int_{\Omega_{\delta}} |\hat{w}_{\delta} - w| dV_{2n} \le C\delta$$

*Proof.* Indeed, by Jensen's formula and using polar coordinates as in [9] we have

$$\hat{w}_{\delta}(z) - w(z) = \frac{1}{\sigma_{2n-1}\delta^{2n}} \int_0^{\delta} r^{2n-1} dr \int_0^r t^{1-2n} \left( \int_{|\zeta-z| \le t} dd^c w \wedge \beta_{n-1} \right) dt,$$

for every  $z \in \Omega_{\delta}$ , where  $\sigma_{2n-1}$  denotes the surface measure of the unit sphere. Hence, we get

$$\int_{\Omega_{2\delta}} |\hat{w}_{\delta} - w| dV_{2n}$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{\sigma_{2n-1} \delta^{2n}} \int_{\Omega_{2\delta}} \left( \int_0^{\delta} r^{2n-1} dr \int_0^r t^{1-2n} \left( \int_{|\zeta - z| \leq t} dd^c w \wedge \beta_{n-1} \right) \right) dt dV_{2n}(z).$$

Applying Fubini's theorem and by the hypothesis  $dd^c \rho \geq \beta$  we infer that

$$\int_{\Omega_{2\delta}} |\hat{w}_{\delta} - w| dV_{2n} \lesssim \delta^2 \int_{\Omega_{\delta}} dd^c w \wedge \beta_{n-1} \lesssim \delta^2 \int_{\Omega_{\delta}} dd^c w \wedge (dd^c \rho)^{n-1} \\
\lesssim \delta^2 \int_{\Omega} dd^c w \wedge (dd^c \rho)^{n-1} \le C\delta,$$
(3.8)

where by the hypothesis  $\rho \in \mathcal{E}_0(\Omega)$  and using the inequality

$$\int_{\Omega} (dd^c w) \wedge (dd^c \rho)^{n-1} \leq \left( \int_{\Omega} (dd^c w)^n \right)^{\frac{1}{n}} \left( \int_{\Omega} (dd^c \rho)^n \right)^{\frac{n-1}{n}} < +\infty,$$

in [6]. Hence the desired conclusion follows. The proof is complete.

We continue to prove ii). Note that the proof of Theorem 1.1 in [9] and, hence, the proof of Proposition 2.10 in [18] are valid under the hypotheses of Theorem 1.1. By applying Proposition 2.10 in [18] to  $\nu = (dd^cw)^n$  and  $\tilde{w}$ it follows that there exists  $0 < \alpha_2 < 1$  such that

$$\sup_{\Omega} \left( \widetilde{w} - w \right) \leq C \left( \int_{\Omega} \max\{ \widetilde{w} - w, 0\} d\nu \right)^{\alpha_2} \\
\leq C \left( \int_{\Omega} |\widetilde{w} - w| d\nu \right)^{\alpha_2}.$$
(3.9)

By (3.7) the righ-hand side of (3.9) is less than  $C\left(\int_{\Omega} |\widetilde{w} - w| dV_{2n}\right)^{\alpha_1 \alpha_2}$ . Hence,

$$\sup_{\Omega} \left( \widetilde{w} - w \right) \le C \left( \int_{\Omega} |\widetilde{w} - w| dV_{2n} \right)^{\alpha_1 \alpha_2}.$$
(3.10)

On the other hand, by the definition of  $\widetilde{w}$ , on  $\Omega_{\delta}$  we have the following:

$$0 \le \widetilde{w} - w = \max\left\{ \hat{w} - w - c_0 \delta^{\alpha}, 0 \right\}$$
$$\le |\hat{w} - w| + c_0 \delta^{\alpha}. \tag{3.11}$$

Lemma 3.1 and (3.11) imply that

$$\int_{\Omega_{\delta}} |\tilde{w} - w| dV_{2n} \leq \int_{\Omega_{\delta}} |\hat{w} - w| dV_{2n} + c_0 \delta^{\alpha} \int_{\Omega_{\delta}} dV_{2n} \\
\leq \int_{\Omega_{\delta}} |\hat{w} - w| dV_{2n} + c_0 \delta^{\alpha} \int_{\Omega} dV_{2n} \\
\leq \int_{\Omega_{\delta}} |\hat{w} - w| dV_{2n} + c_0 \delta^{\alpha} . Vol(\Omega), \\
\leq C\delta + Vol(\Omega) c_0 \delta^{\alpha}, \\
\lesssim \delta^{\xi},$$
(3.12)

where  $\xi = \min\{1, \alpha\}$ . Thus, from (3.10) we deduce the following.

$$\sup_{\Omega} \left( \widetilde{w} - w \right) \leq C \left( \int_{\Omega} |\widetilde{w} - w| dV_{2n} \right)^{\alpha_1 \alpha_2}, \\
= C \left( \int_{\Omega_{\delta}} |\widetilde{w} - w| dV_{2n} \right)^{\alpha_1 \alpha_2} \\
\leq C \delta^{\xi \alpha_1 \alpha_2}.$$
(3.13)

Using (3.13) and the definition of  $\widetilde{w}$  we infer that

$$\sup_{\Omega_{\delta}} (\hat{w}_{\delta} - w) \leq \sup_{\Omega} (\widetilde{w} - w) + c_0 \delta^{\alpha}$$
$$\leq C \delta^{\gamma},$$

where  $\gamma = \min\{\alpha, \xi \alpha_1 \alpha_2\}$ . By Lemma 4.2 in [9] it follows that

$$\sup_{\Omega_{\delta}} (w_{\delta} - w) \le C\delta^{\gamma},$$

and the desired conclusion follows.

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