

## ON SOME METRIC TOPOLOGIES ON PRIVALOV SPACES ON THE UNIT DISK

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**Summary.** Let  $N^p$  ( $1 < p < \infty$ ) be the Privalov class  $N^p$  of holomorphic functions on the open unit disk  $\mathbb{D}$  in the complex plane. In 1977 M. Stoll proved that the class  $N^p$  equipped with the topology given by the metric  $\lambda_p$  defined by

$$\lambda_p(f, g) = \left( \int_0^{2\pi} (\log(1 + |f^*(e^{i\theta}) - g^*(e^{i\theta})|))^p \frac{d\theta}{2\pi} \right)^{1/p}, \quad f, g \in N^p,$$

becomes an  $F$ -algebra. In the recent overview paper by Meštrović and Pavićević (2017) a survey of some known results on the topological structures of the Privalov spaces  $N^p$  ( $1 < p < \infty$ ) and their Fréchet envelopes  $F^p$  are presented.

In this article we continue a survey of results concerning the topological structures of the spaces  $N^p$  ( $1 < p < \infty$ ). In particular, for each  $p > 1$ , we consider the class  $N^p$  as the space  $M^p$  equipped with the topology induced by the metric  $\rho_p$  defined as

$$\rho_p(f, g) = \left( \int_0^{2\pi} \log^p(1 + M(f-g)(\theta)) \frac{d\theta}{2\pi} \right)^{1/p}, \quad f, g \in M^p, \text{ where } Mf(\theta) = \sup_{0 \leq r < 1} |f(re^{i\theta})|.$$

On the other hand, we consider the class  $N^p$  with the metric topology introduced by Meštrović, Pavićević and Labudović (1999) which generalizes the Gamelin-Lumer's metric which is generally defined on a measure space  $(\Omega, \Sigma, \mu)$  with a positive finite measure  $\mu$ . The space  $N^p$  with the associated modular in the sense of Musielak and Orlicz becomes the Hardy-Orlicz class. It is noticed that the all considered metrics induce the same topology on the space  $N^p$ .

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## 1 INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARY RESULTS

Let  $\mathbb{D}$  denote the open unit disk in the complex plane and let  $\mathbb{T}$  denote the boundary of  $\mathbb{D}$ . Let  $L^q(\mathbb{T})$  ( $0 < q \leq \infty$ ) be the familiar Lebesgue spaces on the unit circle  $\mathbb{T}$ . The *Privalov class*  $N^p$  ( $1 < p < \infty$ ) consists of all holomorphic functions  $f$  on  $\mathbb{D}$  for which

$$\sup_{0 \leq r < 1} \int_0^{2\pi} (\log^+ |f(re^{i\theta})|)^p \frac{d\theta}{2\pi} < +\infty, \quad (1)$$

where for  $z \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $\log^+ |z| = \max(\log |z|, 0)$  if  $z \neq 0$  and  $\log^+ 0 = 0$ . These classes were firstly considered by I.I. Privalov in [40, p. 93], where  $N^p$  is denoted as  $A_q$ .

Notice that for  $p = 1$  the condition (1) defines the *Nevanlinna class*  $N$  of holomorphic functions on  $\mathbb{D}$ . Recall that the *Smirnov class*  $N^+$  is the set of all functions  $f \in N$  such that

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow 1} \int_0^{2\pi} \log^+ |f(re^{i\theta})| \frac{d\theta}{2\pi} = \int_0^{2\pi} \log^+ |f^*(e^{i\theta})| \frac{d\theta}{2\pi} < +\infty,$$

where  $f^*$  is the boundary function of  $f$  on  $\mathbb{T}$ , i.e.,

$$f^*(e^{i\theta}) = \lim_{r \rightarrow 1^-} f(re^{i\theta})$$

is the *radial limit* of  $f$  which exists for almost every  $e^{i\theta} \in \mathbb{T}$ . Recall that the classical *Hardy space*  $H^q$  ( $0 < q \leq \infty$ ) consists of all functions  $f$  holomorphic on  $\mathbb{D}$  such that

$$\sup_{0 \leq r < 1} \int_0^{2\pi} |f(re^{i\theta})|^q \frac{d\theta}{2\pi} < \infty$$

if  $0 < q < \infty$ , and which are bounded when  $q = \infty$ :

$$\sup_{z \in \mathbb{D}} |f(z)| < \infty.$$

It is known that (see [36] and [25])

$$N^r \subset N^p \ (r > p), \quad \bigcup_{q>0} H^q \subset \bigcap_{p>1} N^p, \quad \text{and} \quad \bigcup_{p>1} N^p \subset M \subset N^+ \subset N,$$

where the above containment relations are proper.

It is well known (see, e.g., [4, p. 26]) that a function  $f \in N^+$  has a unique factorization of the form

$$f(z) = B(z)S_\mu(z)F(z), \quad z \in \mathbb{D},$$

where  $B$  is the *Blaschke product* with respect to zeros  $\{z_k\} \subset \mathbb{D}$  of  $f$ ,  $S_\mu$  is a *singular inner function* and  $F$  is an *outer function* in  $N^+$ , i.e.,

$$B(z) = z^m \prod_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{|z_k|}{z_k} \cdot \frac{z_k - z}{1 - \bar{z}_k z}, \quad z \in \mathbb{D},$$

with  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (1 - |z_k|) < \infty$ ,  $m$  a nonnegative integer,

$$S_{\mu}(z) = \exp \left( - \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{e^{it} + z}{e^{it} - z} d\mu(t) \right)$$

with positive singular measure  $d\mu$  and

$$F(z) = \lambda \exp \left( \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{e^{it} + z}{e^{it} - z} \log |F^*(e^{it})| dt \right), \quad (2)$$

where  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$  with  $|\lambda| = 1$  and  $\log |F^*| \in L^1(\mathbb{T})$ .

Recall that a function  $I$  of the form

$$I(z) = B(z)S_{\mu}(z), \quad z \in \mathbb{D},$$

is called an *inner function*. Furthermore, it is well known that  $|I^*(e^{it})| = 1$  for almost every  $e^{it} \in \mathbb{T}$  and hence,  $|f^*(e^{it})| = |F^*(e^{it})|$  for almost every  $e^{it} \in \mathbb{T}$ .

I.I. Privalov [40, p. 98] (also see [25, Theorem 5.3]) proved that a function  $f$  holomorphic on  $\mathbb{D}$  belongs to the class  $N^p$  if and only if  $f = IF$ , where  $I$  is an inner function on  $\mathbb{D}$  and  $F$  is an outer function given by (2) such that  $\log^+ |f^*| \in L^p(\mathbb{T})$  (or equivalently,  $\log^+ |F^*| \in L^p(\mathbb{T})$ ).

M. Stoll [44, Theorem 4.2] showed that the space  $N^p$  (with the notation  $(\log^+ H)^\alpha$  in [44]) equipped with the topology given by the metric  $\lambda_p$  defined by

$$\lambda_p(f, g) = \left( \int_0^{2\pi} (\log(1 + |f^*(e^{i\theta}) - g^*(e^{i\theta})|))^p \frac{d\theta}{2\pi} \right)^{1/p}, \quad f, g \in N^p, \quad (3)$$

becomes an  $F$ -algebra. Recall that the function  $\lambda_1 = \lambda$  defined on the Smirnov class  $N^+$  by (3) with  $p = 1$  induces the metric topology on  $N^+$ . N. Yanagihara [45] proved that under this topology,  $N^+$  is an  $F$ -space.

Furthermore, in connection with the spaces  $N^p$  ( $1 < p < \infty$ ), Stoll [44] (also see [5] and [29, Section 3]) also studied the spaces  $F^q$  ( $0 < q < \infty$ ) (with the notation  $F_{1/q}$  in [44]), consisting of those functions  $f$  holomorphic on  $\mathbb{D}$  for which

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow 1} (1 - r)^{1/q} \log^+ M_{\infty}(r, f) = 0,$$

where

$$M_{\infty}(r, f) = \max_{|z| \leq r} |f(z)|.$$

Stoll [44, Theorem 3.2] also proved that the space  $F^q$  with the topology given by the family of seminorms  $\{\|\cdot\|_{q,c}\}_{c>0}$  defined for  $f \in F^q$  as

$$\|f\|_{q,c} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} |\hat{f}(n)| e^{-cn^{1/(q+1)}} < \infty$$

for each  $c > 0$ , where  $\hat{f}(n)$  is the  $n$ -th Taylor coefficient of  $f$ , is a countably normed *Fréchet algebra*. By a result of C.M. Eoff [5, Theorem 4.2],  $F^p$  is the *Fréchet envelope* of  $N^p$  and hence,  $F^p$  and  $N^p$  have the same topological duals.

Following H.O. Kim ([13] and [14]), the class  $M$  consists of all holomorphic functions  $f$  on  $\mathbb{D}$  for which

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \log^+ Mf(\theta) \frac{d\theta}{2\pi} < \infty,$$

where

$$Mf(\theta) = \sup_{0 \leq r < 1} |f(re^{i\theta})|$$

is the *maximal radial function* of  $f$ .

The study on the class  $M$  on the disk  $\mathbb{D}$  has been extensively investigated by H.O. Kim in [13] and [14], V.I. Gavrilov and V.S. Zaharyan [9] and M. Nawrocky [39]. Kim [14, Theorems 3.1 and 6.1] showed that the space  $M$  with the topology given by the metric  $\rho$  defined by

$$\rho(f, g) = \int_0^{2\pi} \log(1 + M(f - g)(\theta)) \frac{d\theta}{2\pi}, \quad f, g \in M, \quad (4)$$

becomes an  $F$ -algebra. Furthermore, Kim [14, Theorems 5.2 and 5.3] gave an incomplete characterization of multipliers of  $M$  into  $H^\infty$ . Consequently, the topological dual of  $M$  is not exactly determined in [14], but as an application, it was proved in [14, Theorem 5.4] (also cf. [39, Corollary 4]) that  $M$  is not locally convex space. Furthermore, the space  $M$  is not locally bounded ([14, Theorem 4.5] and [39, Corollary 5]).

Nevertheless that as noticed above, the class  $M$  is essentially smaller than the class  $N^+$ , M. Nawrocky [39] showed that the class  $M$  and the Smirnov class  $N^+$  have the same corresponding locally convex structure which was already established by N. Yanagihara for the Smirnov class in [45] and [46]. More precisely, it was proved in [39, Theorems 1] that the Fréchet envelope of the class  $M$  can be identified with the space  $F^+$  of holomorphic functions on the open unit disk  $\mathbb{D}$  such that

$$\|f\|_c := \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} |\hat{f}(n)| e^{-c\sqrt{n}} < \infty$$

for each  $c > 0$ , where  $\hat{f}(n)$  is the  $n$ -th Taylor coefficient of  $f$ . Notice that  $F^+$  coincides with the space  $F^1$  defined above. It was shown in [46] (also see [45]) that  $F^+$  is actually the containing Fréchet space for  $N^+$  (also see [43]). Moreover, Nawrocky [39, Theorem 1] characterized the set of all continuous linear functionals on  $M$  which by a result of Yanagihara [45] coincides with those on the Smirnov class  $N^+$ .

Motivated by the mentioned investigations of the classes  $M$  and  $N^+$ , and the fact that the classes  $N^p$  ( $1 < p < \infty$ ) are generalizations of the Smirnov class  $N^+$ , in [20, Chapter 6] and [22] the first author of this paper investigated the classes  $M^p$  ( $1 < p < \infty$ ) as generalizations of the class  $M$ . Accordingly, the class  $M^p$  ( $1 < p < \infty$ ) consists of all holomorphic functions  $f$  on  $\mathbb{D}$  for which

$$\int_0^{2\pi} (\log^+ Mf(\theta))^p \frac{d\theta}{2\pi} < \infty.$$

Obviously,

$$\bigcup_{p>1} M^p \subset M.$$

By analogy with the topology defined on the space  $M$  ([13] and [14]), the space  $M^p$  can be equipped with the topology induced by the metric  $\rho_p$  defined as

$$\rho_p(f, g) = \left( \int_0^{2\pi} \log^p(1 + M(f - g)(\theta)) \frac{d\theta}{2\pi} \right)^{1/p},$$

with  $f, g \in M^p$ .

After Privalov, the study of the spaces  $N^p$  ( $1 < p < \infty$ ) was continued in 1977 by M. Stoll [44] (with the notation  $(\log^+ H)^\alpha$  instead of  $N^p$  in [44]). Further, the linear topological and functional properties of these spaces were extensively investigated by C.M. Eoff in [5] and [6], N. Mochizuki [36], Y. Iida and N. Mochizuki [12], Y. Matsugu [17], J.S. Choa [2], J.S. Choa and H.O. Kim [3], A.K. Sharma and S.-I. Ueki [42] and in works [19]-[35] of authors of this paper; typically, the notation varied and Privalov was mentioned in [17], [21]-[24], [29]-[32], [34], [35] and [42]. In particular, it was proved in [21, Corollary] that  $N^p$  is not locally convex space and in [30, Theorem 1.1] that  $N^p$  is not locally bounded space. We refer the recent monograph [10, Chapters 2, 3 and 9] by V.I. Gavrilov, A.V. Subbotin and D.A. Efimov for a good reference on the spaces  $N^p$  ( $1 < p < \infty$ ).

Let us recall that in our recent overview paper [32] it was given a survey of some known results on different topologies on the Privalov classes  $N^p$  ( $1 < p < \infty$ ) and their Fréchet envelopes  $F^p$  ( $1 < p < \infty$ ) on the open unit disk. Here we give a survey on related extended results involving some other metrics and the induced topologies on the classes  $N^p$ .

The remainder of this overview paper is organized in three sections. For any fixed  $p > 1$ , in Section 2 we present some results concerning the topological and functional structures on the classes  $M^p$  ( $1 < p < \infty$ ). Section 3 is devoted to the consideration of the Privalov class  $N^p$  as a closed subspace of some Orlicz space. In this setting  $N^p$  with the associated modular in the sense of Musielak and Orlicz becomes the Hardy-Orlicz class whose topology coincides with both metric topologies  $\lambda_p$  and  $\rho_p$ . Concluding remarks are presented in the last section.

## 2 THE $\rho_p$ -METRIC TOPOLOGY ON PRIVALOV SPACE $N^p$

Here we focus our attention to certain results from [20, Chapter 6] and [22] concerning the classes  $M^p$  ( $1 < p < +\infty$ ). In [22] it is proved the following basic result.

**Theorem 1** ([22, Theorem 2]). *The function  $\rho_p$  defined on  $M^p$  as*

$$\rho_p(f, g) = \left( \int_0^{2\pi} \log^p(1 + M(f - g)(\theta)) \frac{d\theta}{2\pi} \right)^{1/p}, \quad f, g \in M^p, \quad (5)$$

is a translation invariant metric on  $M^p$ . Further, the space  $M^p$  is a complete metric space with respect to the metric  $\rho_p$ .

**Remark 1.** Notice that the expression (5) with  $p = 1$  defines the metric  $\rho_1 = \rho$  on the class  $M$  (given by (4)) introduced by H.O. Kim in [13] and [14]. As noticed above, it was proved in [14] that the metric  $\rho$  induces the topology on  $M$  under which  $M$  is also an  $F$ -algebra.

Moreover, the following two statements are also proved in [20, Chapter 6].

**Theorem 2** ([22, Theorem 11]).  $M^p = N^p$  for each  $p > 1$ ; that is, the spaces  $M^p$  and  $N^p$  coincide.

**Theorem 3** ([22, Theorem 15]).  $M^p$  with the topology given by the metric  $\rho_p$  defined by (5) becomes an  $F$ -space.

Using Theorem 3 and the open mapping theorem (see, e.g., [41, Corollary 2.12 (b)]), the following result was also proved in [22].

**Theorem 4** ([22, Theorem 16]). For each  $p > 1$  the classes  $M^p$  and  $N^p$  coincide, and the metric spaces  $(M^p, \rho_p)$  and  $(N^p, \lambda_p)$  have the same topological structure, where the metrics  $\rho_p$  and  $\lambda_p$  are given on  $M^p$  and  $N^p$  by (5) and (3), respectively.

As an immediate consequence of Theorem 4 and [22, Lemma 8], we obtain the following assertion.

**Proposition 1.** The convergence with respect to the metric  $\rho_p$  given by (5) on the space  $M^p$  is stronger than the metric of uniform convergence on compact subsets of the disk  $\mathbb{D}$ .

**Remark 2.** For an outer function  $h$  let  $H^2(|h^*|^2)$  denote the closure of the (analytic) polynomials in the space  $L^2(|h^*|^2 d\theta)$ . By using the famous Beurling's theorem for the Hardy space  $H^2$  ([1]; also see [11, Ch. 7, p. 99]), it was proved in [6] (also see [27, Section 1]) that the class  $N^p$  can be represented as a union of certain weighted Hardy classes. Using this representation, the following two topologies are defined on  $N^p$  in [27]: the usual locally convex inductive limit topology, which we shall call the *Helson topology* and denote by  $\mathcal{H}_p$ , in which a neighborhood base for 0 is given by those balanced convex sets whose intersection with each  $H^2(|h^*|^2)$  is a neighborhood of zero in  $H^2(|h^*|^2)$ , and a not locally convex topology, denoted by  $I_p$ , in which a neighborhood base for zero is given by all sets whose intersection with each space  $H^2(|h^*|^2)$  is a neighborhood of zero. It was proved in [27, Theorem E] (cf. [20, Chapter 3]) that the topology  $\mathcal{H}_p$  coincides with the metric topology induced on  $N^p$  by the Stoll's metric topology  $\lambda_p$  given by (3). Moreover, it was proved in [6] that the topology  $I_p$  coincides with the metric topology  $\lambda_p$  and by Theorem 4,  $I_p$  also coincides with the metric topology  $\rho_p$ , which are not locally convex. Hence,  $I_p$  is strictly stronger than  $\mathcal{H}_p$ . The analogous results for the space  $N^+$  are proved by J.E. McCarthy in [18].

### 3 THE SPACE $N^p$ AS THE HARDY-ORLICZ CLASS

In this section we give a short survey about Privalov classes  $N^p$  ( $1 < p < +\infty$ ) as the Hardy-Orlicz classes. Related results are mainly obtained in [33].

Let  $(\Omega, \Sigma, \mu)$  be a measure space, i.e.,  $\Omega$  is a nonempty set,  $\Sigma$  is a  $\sigma$ -algebra of subsets of  $\Omega$  and  $\mu$  is a nonnegative finite complete measure not vanishing identically. Denote by  $L^p(\mu) = L^p$  ( $0 < p \leq \infty$ ) the familiar Lebesgue spaces on  $\Omega$ . For each real number  $p > 0$  in [33] it was considered the class  $L_p^+(\mu) = L_p^+$  of all (equivalence classes of)  $\Sigma$ -measurable complex-valued functions  $f$  defined on  $\Omega$  such that the function  $\log^+ |f|$  belongs to the space  $L^p$ , i.e.,

$$\int_{\Omega} (\log^+ |f(x)|)^p d\mu < +\infty,$$

where  $\log^+ |a| = \max(\log |a|, 0)$ . Clearly,  $L_q^+ \subset L_p^+$  for  $q > p$  and  $\bigcup_{p>0} L^p \subset \bigcap_{p>0} L_p^+$  [33, Section 2]. For each  $p > 0$  the space  $L_p^+$  is an algebra with respect to the pointwise addition and multiplication. For each  $p > 0$  we define the metric  $d_p$  on  $L_p^+$  by

$$\begin{aligned} d_p(f, g) &= \inf_{t>0} [t + \mu(\{x \in \Omega : |f(x) - g(x)| \geq t\})] \\ &\quad + \int_{\Omega} |(\log^+ |f(x)|)^p - (\log^+ |g(x)|)^p| d\mu. \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

Recall that the space  $L_1^+$  was introduced by T. Gamelin and G. Lumer in [8, p. 122] (also see [7, p. 122], where  $L_1^+$  is denoted as  $L(\mu)$ ). Note that the metric  $d_p$  given by (6) with  $p = 1$  coincides with the Gamelin-Lumer's metric  $d$  defined on  $L_1^+$ . It was proved in [8, Theorem 1.3, p. 122] (also see [7, Theorem 2.3, p. 122]) that the space  $L_1^+$  with the topology given by the metric  $d_1$  becomes a topological algebra. The following result is a generalization of the corresponding result for the case  $p = 1$  given in [8, p. 122] (also see [7, p. 122]).

**Theorem 5** ([33, Theorem 2.1]). *The space  $L_p^+$  with the metric  $d_p$  given by (6) is a topological algebra, i.e., a topological vector space with a complete metric in which multiplication is continuous.*

By the inequality

$$(\log(1 + |z|))^p \leq 2^{\max(p-1, 0)} ((\log 2)^p + (\log^+ |z|)^p), \quad z \in \mathbb{C},$$

it follows that a function  $f$  belongs to the space  $L_p^+$  if and only if

$$\|f\|_p := \left( \int_{\Omega} (\log(1 + |f(x)|))^p d\mu \right)^{1/p} < \infty. \quad (7)$$

Furthermore [33, Section 2], the function  $\sigma_p$  defined as

$$\sigma_p(f, g) = (\|f - g\|_p)^{\min(1, p)}, \quad f, g \in L_p^+, 0 < p \leq 1, \quad (8)$$

is a translation invariant metric on  $L_p^+$  for all  $p > 0$ . Notice that in the case of Privalov space  $N^p$  ( $1 < p < \infty$ ), the metric  $\sigma_p$  given by (8) coincides with Stoll's metric  $\lambda_p$  defined by (3).

Recall that two metrics (or norms) defined on the same space will be called equivalent if they induce the same topology on this space.

**Theorem 6** ([33, Theorem 2.3]). *The metric  $d_p$  given by (6) defines the topology for  $L_p^+$  which is equivalent to the topology defined by the metric  $\sigma_p$  given by (8).*

**Remark 4.** It was pointed out in [33, Remark, Section 2] that using the same argument applied in the proof of Theorem 2.3 of [33], it is easy to show that the metrics  $\sigma_p$  and  $d_p$  are equivalent with the metric  $\delta_p$  given on  $L_p^+$  by

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_p(f, g) &= \inf_{t>0} [t + \mu(\{x \in \Omega : |f(x) - g(x)| \geq t\})] \\ &\quad + \left( \int_{\Omega} |\log^+ |f(x)| - \log^+ |g(x)||^p d\mu \right)^{1/\max(p,1)}, \quad f, g \in L_p^+. \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

**Remark 5.** In [45, Remark 5, p. 460] M. Hasumi pointed out that the Yanagihara's metric  $\lambda = \lambda_1$  on the Smirnov class (given by (3) with  $p = 1$ ) defines the topology on the space  $L_1^+ = L(\mu)$  which is equivalent to the metric topology  $d_1 = d$  (given by (6) with  $p = 1$ ).

As a consequence of Theorems 5 and 6, it can be obtained the following result.

**Theorem 7** ([33, Corollary 2.4]). *For each  $p > 0$  the space  $L_p^+$  with the topology given by the metric  $\sigma_p$  is an  $F$ -algebra, i.e., a topological algebra with a complete translation invariant metric  $\sigma_p$ .*

**Remark 6.** In view of Theorem 7, note that  $L_p^+$  may be considered as the generalized Orlicz space  $L_p^w$  with the constant function  $w(t) \equiv 1$  on  $[0, 2\pi)$  defined in [33, Section 6].

The real-valued function  $\psi : [0, \infty) \mapsto [0, \infty)$  defined as  $\psi(t) = (\log(1 + t))^p$ , is continuous and nondecreasing in  $[0, \infty)$ , equals zero only at 0, and hence it is a  $\varphi$ -function (see, e.g., [37, p. 4, Examples 1.9]). Moreover,  $\psi$  is a log-convex function since it can be represented in the form  $\psi(x) = \Psi(\log x)$  for  $x > 0$ , where  $\Psi(u) := \max(u^p, 0)$  ( $u \in [0, \infty)$ ) is a convex function on the whole real axis, satisfying the condition  $\lim_{u \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\Psi(u)}{u} = +\infty$ . Notice that convex  $\varphi$ -functions are a particular case of log-convex  $\varphi$ -functions.

Further, observe that [33, Section 4] the space  $L_p^+(dt/(2\pi)) = L_p^+$  ( $p > 0$ ), consisting of all complex-valued functions  $f$ , defined and measurable on  $[0, 2\pi)$ , for which

$$\|f\|_p := \left( \int_0^{2\pi} (\log(1 + |f(t)|))^p \frac{dt}{2\pi} \right)^{1/p} < +\infty \quad (10)$$

is the *Orlicz class* (see [37, p. 5]; cf. [33, Section 4]), whose generalization was given in [33, Section 6]. It follows by the dominated convergence theorem that the class  $L_p^+$



coincides with the associated *Orlicz space* (see [37, Definition 1.4, p. 2]) consisting of those functions  $f \in L_p^+$  such that

$$\int_0^{2\pi} (\log(1 + c|f(t)|))^p \frac{dt}{2\pi} \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } c \rightarrow 0+.$$

Since  $\sigma_p(f, g) = (\|f - g\|_p)^{\min(p,1)}$  ( $f, g \in L_p^+$ ) is an invariant metric on  $L_p^+$ , the function  $\|\cdot\|_p$  given by (10) is a *modular* in the sense of Definition 1.1 in [37, p. 1], where  $\sigma_p$  is the metric defined by (8). For any function  $f \in L_p^+$ , by the monotone convergence theorem, it follows that  $\lim_{c \rightarrow 0} \|cf\| = 0$  and thus  $(L_p^+, \sigma_p)$  is a *modular space* in the sense of Definition 1.4 in [37, p. 2]. In other words, the function  $\|\cdot\|_p$  is an *F-norm*. It is known (see [37, Theorem 1.5, p. 2 and Theorem 7.7, p. 35]) that the functional  $|\cdot|_p$  defined as

$$|f|_p = \inf \left\{ \varepsilon > 0 : \int_0^{2\pi} \left( \log \left( 1 + \frac{|f(t)|}{\varepsilon} \right) \right)^p \frac{dt}{2\pi} \leq \varepsilon \right\}, \quad f \in L_p^+, \quad (11)$$

is a complete *F-norm* on  $L_p^+$ . Furthermore (see [16, p. 54]), if we denote by  $L_p^0$  the class of all functions  $f$  such that  $\alpha f \in L_p^+$  for every  $\alpha > 0$ , then  $L_p^0$  is the closure of the space of all continuous functions on  $[0, 2\pi)$  in the space  $(L_p^+, |\cdot|_p)$ .

We also give the following two results.

**Theorem 8** ([33, Theorem 4.1]). *The F-norms  $\|\cdot\|_p$  and  $|\cdot|_p$  (given by (10) and (11), respectively), induce the same topology on the space  $L_p^+$ . In other words, the norm and modular convergences are equivalent.*

**Proposition 2** ([33, Corollary 4.2]). *There does not exist a nontrivial continuous linear functional on the space  $(L_p^+, \|\cdot\|_p)$ .*

Note that [33, Section 5] the algebra  $N^p$  may be considered as the *Hardy-Orlicz space* with the Orlicz function  $\psi : [0, \infty) \mapsto [0, \infty)$  defined as  $\psi(t) = (\log(1+t))^p$ . These spaces were firstly studied in 1971 by R. Leśniewicz [15]. For more information on the Hardy-Orlicz spaces, see [37, Ch. IV, Sec. 20]. Identifying a function  $f \in N$  with its *boundary function*  $f^*$ , by [16, 3.4, p. 57], the space  $N^p$  is identical with the closure of the space of all functions holomorphic on the open unit disk  $\mathbb{D}$  and continuous on  $\overline{\mathbb{D}} : |z| \leq 1$  in the space  $(L_p^+(dt/2\pi) \cap N, |\cdot|_p)$ , where  $dt/2\pi$  is the usual normalized Lebesgue measure on the unit circle  $\mathbb{T}$ . Using this fact, Theorem 4 and Theorem 6, the main surveyed results of this paper can be summarized as follows.

**Theorem 9** ([33, Theorem ]). *For each  $p > 1$  Privalov class is the Hardy-Orlicz space with the Orlicz function  $\psi(t) = (\log(1+t))^p$  ( $t \in [0, 2\pi)$ ). Moreover, the metrics  $\lambda_p, \rho_p, d_p, \delta_p$  and the functional  $|\cdot|_p$  (defined respectively by (3), (5), (6), (9) and (11)) induce the same topology on  $N^p$  under which  $N^p$  becomes an F-algebra.*

## 4 CONSLUSION

This paper continues an overview of topologies on the Privalov spaces  $N^p$  ( $1 < p < +\infty$ ) induced by different metrics. Notice that the class  $N^p$  equipped with the topology given by the metric  $\lambda_p$  introduced by M. Stoll becomes an  $F$ -algebra. The same statement is also true for the class  $M^p$  with respect to the  $\rho_p$ -metric topology. These facts are used in [20] to prove that for each  $p > 1$  the classes  $M^p$  and  $N^p$  coincide and the metric spaces  $(M^p, \rho_p)$  and  $(N^p, \lambda_p)$  have the same topological structure. In Section 3 we give a short survey about Privalov spaces  $N^p$  ( $1 < p < +\infty$ ) whose topology is induced by the generalized Gamelin-Lumer's metric  $d_p$  defined on the space  $L_p^+(dt/(2\pi))$ . Notice that the space  $L_p^+(dt/(2\pi))$  coincides with the Orlicz class associated to the log-convex  $\varphi$ -function  $\psi(t) = (\log(1+t))^p$  ( $t \in [0, +\infty)$ ). Accordingly, it follows that for each  $p > 1$  Privalov space is the Hardy-Orlicz space with the Orlicz function  $\psi(t) = (\log(1+t))^p$  ( $t \in [0, 2\pi)$ ). Moreover, the metrics  $\lambda_p$ ,  $\rho_p$  and  $d_p$  induce the same topology on  $N^p$  under which  $N^p$  becomes an  $F$ -algebra. We believe that presented results would be useful for future research on related topics, as well as for some applications in Functional and Complex Analysis.

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