

A FEW RESULTS ABOUT THE P-LAPLACE'S OPERATOR

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ABSTRACT. The aim of this paper is to obtain few results for p-Laplace's operator and these representation an extension of the very know results for laplacian.

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1. THE P-LAPLACE EQUATION

The equation

$$\Delta_p u = 0 \quad \text{on } \Omega, \quad 1 < p < \infty, \quad (1.1.)$$

is called p-Laplace's equation.

Here, $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^N$ is an open set, $u : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is the unknown, and Δ_p is the p-Laplace operator defined by

$$\Delta_p u := \operatorname{div}(|\nabla u|^{p-2} \nabla u), \quad (1.2.)$$

The previous investigations have led to the equation's critical points

$$D_p(u; \Omega) = \int_{\Omega} |\nabla u|^p dx \quad (1.3.)$$

are weak solutions for (1.1.), thus they can be named p-harmonic functions.

2.FUNDAMENTAL SOLUTIONS FOR P-LAPLACE EQUATION

We will first construct a simple radial solution of p-Laplace's equation. To look for radial solutions of p-Laplace's equation on $\Omega = \mathbb{R}^N$ of the form

$$u(x) = v(r); \quad r = |x| := \sqrt{x_1^2 + \dots + x_N^2}, \quad (2.1.)$$

Here, $v : [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

We note that

$$u_{x_i} = \frac{\partial v(r)}{\partial x_i} = v'(r) \frac{x_i}{r}, \quad (2.2.)$$

and

$$u_{x_i x_i} = \frac{\partial^2 v(r)}{\partial x_i^2} = \frac{x_i^2}{r^2} v''(r) + \frac{1}{r} v'(r) - \frac{x_i^2}{r^3} v'(r), \quad \forall 1 \leq i \leq N, \quad (2.3.)$$

and summation yields

$$\Delta_2 u(x) = v''(r) + \frac{N-1}{r} v'(r), \quad r \neq 0. \quad (2.4.)$$

We have

$$|\nabla u| = \sqrt{\left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x_1}\right)^2 + \dots + \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x_N}\right)^2} = \sqrt{\left(v'(r) \frac{x_1}{r}\right)^2 + \dots + \left(v'(r) \frac{x_N}{r}\right)^2} = \sqrt{(v'(r))^2} = |v'(r)|, \quad (2.5.)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} |v'(r)|^{p-2} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \left(\sqrt{(v'(r))^2} \right)^{p-2} = \\ &= (p-2) \left(\sqrt{(v'(r))^2} \right)^{p-3} \frac{v'(r) \frac{x_i}{r} v''(r)}{|v'(r)|}, \end{aligned} \quad (2.6.)$$

But (1.1.) equivalently

$$|\nabla u|^{p-2} \Delta_2 u + \nabla (|\nabla u|^{p-2}) \cdot \nabla u = 0. \quad (2.7.)$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \nabla (|\nabla u|^{p-2}) \cdot \nabla u &= \nabla \left(|v'(r)|^{p-2} \right) \cdot \nabla v(r) = \\
 &\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} |v'(r)|^{p-2}, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial x_N} |v'(r)|^{p-2} \right) \cdot \left(\frac{\partial v(r)}{\partial x_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial v(r)}{\partial x_N} \right) = \\
 &\frac{(p-2) |v'(r)|^{p-3} v'(r) \frac{x_1}{r} v''(r) v'(r) x_1}{|v'(r)| r} + \dots + \frac{(p-2) |v'(r)|^{p-3} v'(r) \frac{x_N}{r} v''(r) v'(r) x_N}{|v'(r)| r} = \\
 &\frac{(p-2) |v'(r)|^{p-3} (v'(r))^2 v''(r)}{|v'(r)| r^2} (x_1^2 + \dots + x_N^2) = \\
 &\frac{(p-2) |v'(r)|^{p-3} (v'(r))^2 v''(r)}{|v'(r)|}. \tag{2.8.}
 \end{aligned}$$

So (2.7.) equivalently

$$|v'(r)|^{p-2} \left[(p-1)v''(r) + \frac{N-1}{r}v'(r) \right] = 0. \tag{2.9.}$$

Assume $|v'(r)| \neq 0$.

Hence, we have

$$\Delta_p u = 0 \text{ for } x \neq 0$$

if and only if

$$(p-1)v''(r) + \frac{N-1}{r}v'(r) = 0, \tag{2.10.}$$

In the case (2.10.) note $v' = z$, follows

$$\begin{aligned}
 (p-1)z' + \frac{N-1}{r}z &= 0 \iff \\
 (p-1)\frac{dz}{z} &= \frac{1-N}{r}dr \iff \\
 (p-1)\ln|z| &= (1-N)\ln r + \ln|C|^{p-1} \iff \\
 z(r) &= \sqrt[p-1]{\frac{|C|^{p-1}}{r^{N-1}}} = \frac{|C|}{r^{\frac{N-1}{p-1}}}. \tag{2.11.}
 \end{aligned}$$

We conclude that

$$v'(r) = \frac{C}{r^{\frac{N-1}{p-1}}}, \tag{2.12.}$$

for an arbitrary constant $C \in \mathbb{R}_+$ and thus

$$v(r) = \begin{cases} C \ln r + C_1, & \text{if } N = p \\ C \frac{p-1}{p-N} r^{\frac{p-N}{p-1}} + C_1, & \text{if } N \geq p + 1 \end{cases}, r > 0, \quad (2.13.)$$

with constants $C_1 \in \mathbb{R}$.

3. GAUSS-GREEN, GAUSS-OSTROGRADSKI AND GREEN'S FORMULAS FOR THE P-LAPLACE' OPERATOR

DEFINITION 3.1. *Let $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^N$ be open and bounded*

i) We say that Ω has a C^k -boundary, $k \in N \cup \{\infty\}$, if for any $x \in \partial\Omega$ there exists $r > 0$ and a function $\beta \in C^k(\mathbb{R}^N)$ such that

$$\Omega \cap B(x; r) = \{y \in B(x; r) : y_N > \beta(y_1, \dots, y_{N-1})\},$$

ii) If $\partial\Omega$ is C^k then we can define the unit outer normal field $\nu : \partial\Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^N$, where, $\nu(x)$, $|\nu(x)| = 1$, is the outward pointing unit normal of $\partial\Omega$ at x .

iii) Let $\partial\Omega$ be C^k . We call the directional derivative

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial \nu}(x) := \nu(x) \cdot \nabla u(x), x \in \partial\Omega,$$

the normal derivative of u .

In addition to $C^k(\Omega)$ we define the function space

$$C^k(\overline{\Omega}) := \{u \in C^k(\Omega) : D^\alpha u \text{ can be continuously extended to } \partial\Omega \text{ for } |\alpha| \leq k\},$$

where

$$D^\alpha u = \frac{\partial^{\alpha_1 + \dots + \alpha_N}}{\partial x_1^{\alpha_1} \dots \partial x_N^{\alpha_N}} u, \quad |\alpha| = \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i.$$

We recall the Gauss-Green theorem.

THEOREM 3.2. *Let $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^N$ be open and bounded with C^1 -boundary. Then for all $u \in C^1(\overline{\Omega})$*

$$\int_{\Omega} u_{x_i}(x) dx = \int_{\partial\Omega} u(x) \nu_i(x) d\sigma(x).$$

REMARK(GAUSS-OSTROGRADSKI): Let $\Omega \subset R^N$ be open and bounded with C^1 -boundary. Then for all $\vec{f} : \bar{\Omega} \rightarrow R^N$ such that $\vec{f} \in C(\bar{\Omega}) \cap C^1(\Omega)$. We have

$$\int_{\Omega} \text{div } \vec{f} \, dx = \int_{\partial\Omega} \vec{f} \cdot \nu \, d\sigma(x).$$

THEOREM 3.3. If $u \in C^2(\bar{\Omega})$ such that $\Delta_p u \in C(\bar{\Omega})$ then

$$\int_{\Omega} \Delta_p u \, dx = \int_{\partial\Omega} \frac{\partial u}{\partial \nu} |\nabla u|^{p-2} \, d\sigma(x). \quad (3.1.)$$

Proof. In theorem Gauss-Ostrogradski let $\vec{f} = |\nabla u|^{p-2} \nabla u$.

We have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\Omega} \text{div} (|\nabla u|^{p-2} \nabla u) \, dx &= \int_{\partial\Omega} (|\nabla u|^{p-2} \nabla u) \cdot \nu \, d\sigma(x) = \int_{\Omega} \Delta_p u \, dx = \\ &= \int_{\Omega} |\nabla u|^{p-2} \Delta_2 u \, dx + \int_{\Omega} \nabla (|\nabla u|^{p-2}) \cdot \nabla u \, dx = \\ &= \int_{\partial\Omega} \frac{\partial u}{\partial \nu} |\nabla u|^{p-2} \, d\sigma(x) - \int_{\Omega} \nabla (|\nabla u|^{p-2}) \cdot \nabla u \, dx + \\ &= \int_{\Omega} \nabla (|\nabla u|^{p-2}) \cdot \nabla u \, dx = \int_{\partial\Omega} \frac{\partial u}{\partial \nu} |\nabla u|^{p-2} \, d\sigma(x) \end{aligned}$$

Moreover, we easily obtain Green's formulas for the p-Laplace operator:

THEOREM 3.4. Let $\Omega \subset R^N$ be open and bounded with C^1 -boundary. Then for all $u, v \in C^2(\bar{\Omega})$ such that $\Delta_p u \in C(\bar{\Omega})$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} G1) \int_{\Omega} (\Delta_p u) v \, dx &= \int_{\partial\Omega} v |\nabla u|^{p-2} \frac{\partial u}{\partial \nu} \, d\sigma(x) - \int_{\Omega} \nabla v \cdot (|\nabla u|^{p-2} \nabla u) \, dx \\ G2) \int_{\Omega} [(\Delta_p u) v - (\Delta_p v) u] \, dx &= \int_{\partial\Omega} (v |\nabla u|^{p-2} \frac{\partial u}{\partial \nu} - u |\nabla v|^{p-2} \frac{\partial v}{\partial \nu}) \, d\sigma(x). \end{aligned} \quad (3.2.)$$

Proof. G1) Let $\vec{f} = v (|\nabla u|^{p-2} \nabla u)$. We have

$$\text{div} [v (|\nabla u|^{p-2} \nabla u)] = v \text{div} (|\nabla u|^{p-2} \nabla u) + \nabla v \cdot (|\nabla u|^{p-2} \nabla u).$$

So

$$\int_{\Omega} [v \Delta_p u + \nabla v \cdot (|\nabla u|^{p-2} \nabla u)] \, dx = \int_{\partial\Omega} v |\nabla u|^{p-2} \frac{\partial u}{\partial \nu} \, d\sigma(x).$$

Proof. G2) By G1) we have

$$\int_{\Omega} (\Delta_p u) v dx = \int_{\partial\Omega} v |\nabla u|^{p-2} \frac{\partial u}{\partial \nu} d\sigma(x) - \int_{\Omega} \nabla v \cdot (|\nabla u|^{p-2} \nabla u) dx \quad (3.3.)$$

we inverse the role u and v , so

$$\int_{\Omega} (\Delta_p v) u dx = \int_{\partial\Omega} u |\nabla v|^{p-2} \frac{\partial v}{\partial \nu} d\sigma(x) - \int_{\Omega} \nabla u \cdot (|\nabla v|^{p-2} \nabla v) dx \quad (3.4.)$$

Using (3.3.) and (3.4.) we deduce G2)

4. GREEN FUNCTION, KELVIN TRANSFORM, OR POISSON KERNEL?

The following ideas are from [3]: From a physical standpoint equation (1.1.), or rather its generalizations, arises naturally, e.g., in the steady rectilinear motion of incompressible non-Newtonian fluids or in phenomena of phase transition. A glimpse at (1.1.) immediately reveals two unfavorable features:

- (i) the operator is badly nonlinear;
- (ii) ellipticity is lost at points where $\nabla u = 0$.

The strong nonlinearity makes it impossible to develop a potential theory along the lines of classical one. p-harmonic functions do not enjoy integral representation formulas such as

$$u(x) = \oint_{\partial B_r(x)} u d\sigma = \oint_{B_r(x)} u dy,$$

there is no Green function, or Kelvin transform, or Poisson Kernel. p-subharmonicity is not preserved by the classical mollification processes, as is the case for subharmonic functions. This makes it impossible to regularize p-subharmonic functions. In retrospect, this obstruction is also deeply connected with (ii) above. The lack of ellipticity results in loss of regularity of p-harmonic functions.

By results of Lewis [4], solutions to the p-Laplacian are $C^{1,\alpha}$ for some $\alpha > 0$, for instance the function

$$u(x) = |x|^{\frac{p}{p-1}}$$

satisfies the equation

$$\Delta_p u = \text{const}, \text{ but } u \notin C^2, \text{ when } p > 2.$$

In particular $|\nabla u|$ is C^α in any region where u satisfies the p-Laplace equation

$$\Delta_p u = 0.$$

However the operator L_u , defined above, may fail to have the maximum/comparison principle. The weak maximum principle for the p-Laplace operator is well known and can be find in standard literature in this filed; see [3], [5] and [1], the latter treats the parabolic case.

5. THE EXISTENCE OF POSITIVE SOLUTIONS IN $C^2(\mathbb{R}^N)$ FOR THE PROBLEM WITH P-LAPLACIAN

Consider the problem

$$\begin{cases} -\Delta_p u = p(x)f(u) & \text{in } \mathbf{R}^N \\ u > 0 & \text{in } \mathbf{R}^N \\ u(x) \rightarrow 0 & \text{as } |x| \rightarrow \infty, \end{cases} \quad (5.1.)$$

where $N > 2$, $\Delta_p u$ ($1 < p \leq 2$) is the p-Laplacian operator and

-the function $p(x)$ fulfills the following hypotheses:

(p1) $p(x) \in C(R^N)$ and $p(x) > 0$ in \mathbb{R}^N .

(p2) we have

$$\int_0^\infty r^{\frac{1}{p-1}} \Phi^{\frac{1}{p-1}}(r) dr < \infty \text{ if } 1 < p \leq 2$$

where $\Phi(r) := \max_{|x|=r} p(x)$.

-the function $f \in C^1((0, \infty), (0, \infty))$ such that $\lim_{u \rightarrow 0} f(u) = \infty$ and satisfies

the following assumptions:

(f1) mapping $u \rightarrow \frac{f(u)}{u^{p-1}}$ is decreasing on $(0, \infty)$;

(f2) $\lim_{u \searrow 0} \frac{f(u)}{u^{p-1}} = +\infty$;

(f3) $\liminf_{u \rightarrow 0} f(u) > 0$.

It easy to prove that

THEOREM 5.1. If $j : I \subseteq \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a integrable nonnegative function, then

$$\left(\frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b j(x) dx \right)^h \leq \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b j^h(x) dx$$

$\forall a, b \in I, a < b$ and $1 < h < +\infty$

THEOREM 5.2. *Under hypotheses (f1) – (f3), (p1), (p2), the problem (5.1.) has a radially symmetric solution $u \in C^2(\mathbb{R}^N \setminus \{0\}) \cap C^1(\mathbb{R}^N)$.*

Proof. By Theorem 1.3. in [2] the problem

$$\begin{cases} -\Delta_p U = p(x)f(U), & \text{if } |x| < k, \\ U = 0, & \text{if } |x| = k. \end{cases}$$

has a radially symmetric solution in $C(\overline{B_k}) \cap C^1(B_k) \cap C^2(B_k \setminus \{0\})$

We now prove the existence of a positive function $u \in C^2(\mathbb{R}^N)$. As in [2] we construct first a positive radially symmetric function w such that $-\Delta_p w = \Phi(r)$, ($r = |x|$) on \mathbb{R}^N and $\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} w(r) = 0$.

We obtain

$$w(r) := K - \int_0^r \left[\xi^{1-N} \int_0^\xi \sigma^{N-1} \Phi(\sigma) d\sigma \right]^{\frac{1}{p-1}} d\xi,$$

where

$$K = \int_0^\infty \left[\xi^{1-N} \int_0^\xi \sigma^{N-1} \Phi(\sigma) d\sigma \right]^{\frac{1}{p-1}} d\xi.$$

We first show that (p2) implies that

$$\int_0^{+\infty} \left[\xi^{1-N} \int_0^\xi \sigma^{N-1} \Phi(\sigma) d\sigma \right]^{\frac{1}{p-1}} d\xi,$$

is finite.

Let $1 < p \leq 2$, so $0 < p - 1 \leq 1$, follows that $1 \leq \frac{1}{p-1} < +\infty$.

Using Theorem 5.1. for any $r > 0$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^r \xi^{\frac{1-N}{p-1}} \left[\xi \int_0^\xi \sigma^{N-1} \Phi(\sigma) d\sigma \right]^{\frac{1}{p-1}} d\xi &= \int_0^r \xi^{\frac{1-N}{p-1}} \xi^{\frac{1}{p-1}} \left[\frac{1}{\xi} \int_0^\xi \sigma^{N-1} \Phi(\sigma) d\sigma \right]^{\frac{1}{p-1}} d\xi \leq \\ \int_0^r \xi^{\frac{2-N}{p-1}} \frac{1}{\xi} \int_0^\xi \sigma^{\frac{N-1}{p-1}} \Phi^{\frac{1}{p-1}}(\sigma) d\sigma d\xi &= \int_0^r \xi^{\frac{2-N}{p-1}-1} \int_0^\xi \sigma^{\frac{N-1}{p-1}} \Phi^{\frac{1}{p-1}}(\sigma) d\sigma d\xi = \\ -\frac{p-1}{N-2} \int_0^r \frac{d}{d\xi} \xi^{\frac{2-N}{p-1}} \int_0^\xi \sigma^{\frac{N-1}{p-1}} \Phi^{\frac{1}{p-1}}(\sigma) d\sigma d\xi &= \\ \frac{p-1}{N-2} \left[-r^{\frac{2-N}{p-1}} \int_0^r \sigma^{\frac{N-1}{p-1}} \Phi^{\frac{1}{p-1}}(\sigma) d\sigma + \int_0^r \xi^{\frac{1}{p-1}} \Phi^{\frac{1}{p-1}}(\xi) d\xi \right] &\leq \frac{p-1}{N-2} \int_0^r \xi^{\frac{1}{p-1}} \Phi^{\frac{1}{p-1}}(\xi) d\xi, \end{aligned}$$

so

$$\int_0^r \left[\xi^{1-N} \int_0^\xi \sigma^{N-1} \Phi(\sigma) d\sigma \right]^{\frac{1}{p-1}} d\xi < \infty$$

as $r \rightarrow \infty$.

Then we obtain

$$K = \frac{p-1}{N-2} \cdot \int_0^\infty \xi^{\frac{1}{p-1}} \Phi^{\frac{1}{p-1}}(\xi) d\xi \quad \text{if } 1 < p \leq 2,$$

clearly, we have

$$w(r) \leq \frac{p-1}{N-2} \cdot \int_0^\infty \xi^{\frac{1}{p-1}} \Phi^{\frac{1}{p-1}}(\xi) d\xi \quad \text{if } 1 < p \leq 2.$$

An upper-solution to (5.1.) will be constructed.

Consider the function

$$\bar{f}(t) = (f(t) + 1)^{\frac{1}{p-1}}, t > 0.$$

Note that

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{f}(t) &\geq f(t)^{\frac{1}{p-1}} \\ \frac{\bar{f}(t)}{t^{p-1}}, &\text{ is decreasing, } (f_1') \\ \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\bar{f}(t)}{t} &= \infty, \quad (f_2') \end{aligned}$$

Let v be a positive function such that

$$w(r) = \frac{1}{C} \int_0^{v(r)} \frac{t^{p-1}}{\bar{f}(t)} dt \quad \text{where } C > 0$$

will be chosen such that

$$KC \leq \int_0^{C^{\frac{1}{p-1}}} \frac{t^{p-1}}{\bar{f}(t)} dt.$$

We prove that we can find $C > 0$ with this property. By our hypothesis (f_2') we obtain that

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \int_0^x \frac{t^{p-1}}{\bar{f}(t)} dt = +\infty.$$

Now using L'Hopital's rule we have

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\int_0^x \frac{t^{p-1}}{\bar{f}(t)} dt}{x^{p-1}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x}{(p-1)\bar{f}(x)} = +\infty.$$

From this we deduce that there exists $x_1 > 0$ such that

$$\int_0^x \frac{t^{p-1}}{\bar{f}(t)} dt \geq Kx^{p-1}, \text{ for all } x \geq x_1.$$

It follows that for any $C \geq x_1$ we have

$$KC \leq \int_0^{C^{\frac{1}{p-1}}} \frac{t^{p-1}}{\bar{f}(t)} dt.$$

But w is a decreasing function, and this implies that v is a decreasing function too.

Then

$$\int_0^{v(r)} \frac{t^{p-1}}{\bar{f}(t)} dt \leq \int_0^{v(0)} \frac{t^{p-1}}{\bar{f}(t)} dt = Cw(0) = CK \leq \int_0^{C^{\frac{1}{p-1}}} \frac{t^{p-1}}{\bar{f}(t)} dt.$$

It follows that $v(r) \leq C^{\frac{1}{p-1}}$ for all $r > 0$. From $w(r) \rightarrow 0$ as $r \rightarrow +\infty$ we deduce $v(r) \rightarrow 0$ as $r \rightarrow +\infty$.

By the choice of v we have

$$\nabla w = \frac{1}{C} \cdot \frac{v^{p-1}}{\bar{f}(v)} \nabla v$$

follows that

$$\Delta_p w = \frac{1}{C^{p-1}} \left(\frac{v^{p-1}}{\bar{f}(v)} \right)^{p-1} \Delta_p v + (p-1) \frac{1}{C^{p-1}} |\nabla v|^p \left(\frac{v^{p-1}}{\bar{f}(v)} \right)^{p-2} \left(\frac{v^{p-1}}{\bar{f}(v)} \right)'. \quad (5.2.)$$

From (5.2.) and $u \rightarrow \frac{\bar{f}(u)}{u^{p-1}}$ is a decreasing function on $(0, +\infty)$, we deduce that

$$\Delta_p v \leq C^{p-1} \left(\frac{\bar{f}(v)}{v^{p-1}} \right)^{p-1} \Delta_p w = -C^{p-1} \left(\frac{\bar{f}(v)}{v^{p-1}} \right)^{p-1} \Phi(r) \leq -f(v)\Phi(r). \quad (5.3.)$$

It follows that v is a radially symmetric solution of the problem:

$$\begin{cases} -\Delta_p u \geq p(x)f(u) & \text{in } \mathbf{R}^N \\ u > 0 & \text{in } \mathbf{R}^N \\ u(x) \rightarrow 0 & \text{as } |x| \rightarrow \infty, \end{cases} \quad (5.4.)$$

By the proof of Theorem 1.1. in [2] the problem (5.1.) has positive solutions.

Now using

$$u'(r) = \left[r^{1-N} \int_0^r \sigma^{N-1} p(\sigma) f(u(\sigma)) d\sigma \right]^{\frac{1}{p-1}}$$

$$u''(r) = - \frac{p(r)f(u(r)) + (1-N)r^{-N} \int_0^r \sigma^{N-1} p(\sigma) f(u(\sigma)) d\sigma}{p-1} \left[r^{1-N} \int_0^r \sigma^{N-1} p(\sigma) f(u(\sigma)) d\sigma \right]^{\frac{2-p}{p-1}},$$

$$\frac{2-p}{p-1} \geq 0 \iff 1 < p \leq 2$$

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \frac{\int_0^r \sigma^{N-1} p(\sigma) f(u(\sigma)) d\sigma}{r^N} = 0$$

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we deduce $\lim_{r \rightarrow 0} u''(r)$ is finite, so $u(r) \in C^2(\mathbb{R}^N)$.

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