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A note on completeness of weighted normed spaces of analytic functions

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Abstract

Given a non-negative weight v , not necessarily bounded or strictly positive, defined on a domain G in the complex plane, we consider the weighted space $H_v^\infty(G)$ of all holomorphic functions on G such that the product $v|f|$ is bounded in G and study the question of when such a space is complete under the canonical sup-seminorm. We obtain both some necessary and some sufficient conditions in terms of the weight v , exhibit several relevant examples, and characterize completeness in the case of spaces with radial weights on balanced domains.

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1 Introduction, Notation, and Motivation

In this paper, as is usual, by a *planar domain* we mean an open connected set in the complex plane \mathbb{C} . A *weight* v on a domain G is a non-negative function $v : G \rightarrow [0, \infty[$. In general, it is not required that v be bounded or strictly positive. Denote by $H(G)$ the algebra of all holomorphic (analytic) functions on G and by τ_{co} the topology of uniform convergence on the compact subsets of G (often also called the compact-open topology). The space $(H(G), \tau_{co})$ is a metrizable and complete locally convex space, *i.e.*, a Fréchet space.

The *weighted space of holomorphic functions* $H_v^\infty(G)$ associated with v is defined by

$$H_v^\infty(G) := \{f \in H(G) \mid \|f\|_v = \sup_{z \in G} v(z)|f(z)| < +\infty\}$$

and is endowed with the natural *seminorm* $\|f\|_v := \sup_{z \in G} v(z)|f(z)|$. Spaces of this type, when v is strictly positive and continuous, appear in the study of growth conditions of analytic functions and have been investigated in various articles since the work of Shields and Williams; *cf.* [3], [4], [6], [13], [14], [16] and the references therein.

If v is the constant function 1, then $H_v^\infty(G)$ obviously coincides with the space $H^\infty(G)$ of all bounded holomorphic functions on G endowed with the sup-norm $\|\cdot\|_\infty$. In fact, in most cases considered in the literature, v is continuous and strictly positive. In this case it is easy to check that the above weighted space is complete. It might be somewhat less obvious that if this is not required of v , then the space may fail to be complete (or even normed!), as will be seen in the examples given in this paper.

The problem we consider in this note is the following: *When is the space $H_v^\infty(G)$ complete?* In other words, when is it a Banach space? We look for explicit conditions expressed in terms of the weight v . This is closely related to the question of boundedness of point evaluations. Proposition 2.4, whose content should be intuitively clear to experts, gives a complete functional analytic characterization. Another general characterization, as one of the main results in the paper, is provided by Theorem 2.6; it says that a bounded weight yields a complete space if and only if it can be replaced by a more regular weight that generates the same space. A natural Fréchet topology on the space $H_v^\infty(G)$, suggested to us by the referee, is investigated in Proposition 2.8. Several necessary as well as sufficient conditions, and also some relevant concrete examples, are given by Propositions 3.2, 3.5, 3.6 and Corollaries 3.7, and 3.9 and by Propositions 3.10 and 3.12. However, we are

presently not able to give a complete intrinsic characterization of all weights v for which $H_v^\infty(G)$ is complete.

The situation is similar in other related function spaces. For example, the completeness of weighted Bergman spaces was studied by Arcozzi and Björn [1]. They obtained complete characterizations when the weight $v(z) = \chi_E(z)$, $z \in G$, is the characteristic function χ_E of a subset E of G in [1, Theorem 2.1]. Partial results concerning weighted Bergman spaces $A_\mu^p(G)$, $1 \leq p < \infty$, for a positive Borel measure μ on G are given in [1, Section 5]. This research was taken up by Björn in a different direction [5]. The closely related question of completeness of weighted Bloch spaces was investigated by Nakazi [15].

2 Functional analytic approach

We begin this section with some basic results. Our approach is based on functional analysis. Given a weight v on G , throughout the paper we will use the following notation:

$$E_v := \{z \in G \mid v(z) > 0\}.$$

For most of the “reasonable” weights our weighted space is complete and one certainly expects it to be at least normed. However, even this is not always the case.

Proposition 2.1 *Let $v : G \rightarrow [0, \infty[$ be a weight on a planar domain G . Then the space $H_v^\infty(G)$ is normed if and only if E_v is not a discrete set (that is, it has a limit point in G).*

Proof. If E_v has a limit point in G , then the seminorm $\|\cdot\|_v$ is a norm by the uniqueness principle for holomorphic functions. Conversely, if E_v does not have a limit point in G , we can apply the Weierstrass interpolation theorem (see, e.g. [2, Theorem 3.3.1]) to produce a non-zero holomorphic function $f \in H(G)$ such that $f(z) = 0$ for each $z \in E_v$. Then $\|f\|_v = 0$ and $f \neq 0$, hence $\|\cdot\|_v$ is not a norm. \square

Given a seminormed space (X, p) , the associated normed space is defined by $(\tilde{X}, \tilde{p}) := (X/\ker(p), \tilde{p})$, with $\tilde{p}(x + \ker(p)) := p(x)$, which is easily seen to be a well-defined norm on $X/\ker(p)$.

Proposition 2.2 *Let $v : G \rightarrow [0, \infty[$ be a weight on a planar domain G . If the set E_v defined above does not have a limit point in G , then the normed space associated with $H_v^\infty(G)$ is isomorphically isometric to a weighted Banach ℓ_∞ space.*

Proof. If E_v does not have a limit point in G , then it is a discrete sequence in G . Let us write $E_v := \{z_n\}_n$ and define $w(n) := v(z_n), n \in \mathbb{N}, w := (w(n))_n$ and $\ell_\infty(w) := \{x = (x_n)_n \in \mathbb{C}^\mathbb{N} \mid \|x\|_w := \sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} w(n)|x_n| < \infty\}$. The linear map $\Phi : H_v^\infty(G) \rightarrow \ell_\infty(w)$ given by $\Phi(f) := (f(z_n))_n$ is well defined, satisfies $\|\Phi(f)\|_w = \|f\|_v$ for each $f \in H_v^\infty(G)$, is surjective by the Weierstrass interpolation theorem and its kernel coincides with the kernel of $\|\cdot\|_v$. This completes the proof. \square

Now that this elementary issue has been settled, we turn to the completeness question. We first require a lemma.

Lemma 2.3 *Let $v : G \rightarrow [0, \infty[$ be a weight on a planar domain G . If the space $H_v^\infty(G)$ is normed, then the inclusion map $J : H_v^\infty(G) \rightarrow (H(G), \tau_{co})$ has closed graph.*

Proof. Let $(f_j)_j$ be a sequence in $H_v^\infty(G)$ such that $f_j \rightarrow f$ in $H_v^\infty(G)$ and $f_j \rightarrow g$ in $(H(G), \tau_{co})$ as $j \rightarrow \infty$. In particular, $f_j(z) \rightarrow f(z)$ as $j \rightarrow \infty$ for each $z \in E_v$ and $f_j(z) \rightarrow g(z)$ as $j \rightarrow \infty$ for each $z \in G$. Then f and g are two holomorphic functions on G which coincide on the set E_v , that has a limit point in G by Proposition 2.1. By the uniqueness principle for holomorphic functions, $f = g$ on G and we are done. \square

For a point $z \in G$, we denote by $\delta_z : H(G) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ the (linear) point evaluation functional $\delta_z(f) := f(z), f \in H(G)$, as well as its restriction to $H_v^\infty(G)$. When $H_v^\infty(G)$ is normed, the norm of its dual space $H_v^\infty(G)'$ will be denoted by $\|\cdot\|'_v$. The following result summarizes a result an expert would expect: the completeness of our space is essentially equivalent to the boundedness of the point evaluation functionals. Regarding condition (iv) below (uniform boundedness of point evaluations on compact sets), it should be pointed out that this property is in turn equivalent to their boundedness at each point when the space is Banach, in view of the uniform boundedness principle.

Proposition 2.4 *Assume that the space $H_v^\infty(G)$ is normed. The following conditions are equivalent:*

- (i) The space $H_v^\infty(G)$ is a Banach space.
- (ii) The inclusion map $J : H_v^\infty(G) \rightarrow (H(G), \tau_{co})$ is continuous. (Equivalently, every sequence in $H_v^\infty(G)$ bounded in the norm is a normal family.)
- (iii) The closed unit ball B_v^∞ of $H_v^\infty(G)$ is bounded in $(H(G), \tau_{co})$.
- (iv) For each $z \in G$, the point evaluation functional $\delta_z \in H_v^\infty(G)'$ and, moreover, $\sup_{z \in K} \|\delta_z\|'_v < \infty$ for each compact subset K of G .

Proof. Condition (i) implies condition (ii) as a consequence of Lemma 2.3 and the closed graph theorem for Fréchet spaces.

To prove that condition (ii) implies condition (i), fix a Cauchy sequence $(f_j)_j$ in $H_v^\infty(G)$. By assumption (ii), there exists $f \in H(G)$ such that $(f_j)_j$ converges to f uniformly on the compact subsets of G . On the other hand,

$$\forall \varepsilon > 0 \exists J \forall j, k \geq J \forall z \in G : v(z)|f_j(z) - f_k(z)| < \varepsilon.$$

If $v(z) = 0$ then $v(z)|f_j(z) - f(z)| = 0, j \geq J$, and if $v(z) > 0$, letting $k \rightarrow \infty$, $v(z)|f_j(z) - f(z)| \leq \varepsilon$ for all $j \geq J$. This implies, for $\varepsilon = 1$, $v(z)|f(z)| \leq 1 + \|f_J\|_v$ for each $z \in G$ and $f \in H_v^\infty(G)$. Moreover, for arbitrary ε , we have that $f_j \rightarrow f$ in $H_v^\infty(G)$ as $j \rightarrow \infty$.

Thus, conditions (i) and (ii) are equivalent. Clearly, conditions (ii) and (iii) are also equivalent.

We will now show the equivalence of (ii) and (iv). Suppose first that condition (ii) holds. Since $\delta_z \in (H(G), \tau_{co})'$ for each $z \in G$, it follows that $\delta_z \in H_v^\infty(G)'$ for each $z \in G$. Moreover, given a compact subset K of G there exists $C > 0$ such that

$$\sup_{z \in K} |f(z)| \leq C \sup_{z \in G} v(z)|f(z)|$$

for each $f \in H_v^\infty(G)$. This implies $\|\delta_z\|'_v \leq C$ for each $z \in K$. Hence condition (iv) follows.

Suppose now that condition (iv) holds. Fix a compact set K in G and set $M := \sup_{z \in K} \|\delta_z\|'_v$. If $f \in H_v^\infty(G)$ satisfies $\|f\|_v \leq 1$, then $|f(z)| \leq \|\delta_z\|'_v \leq M$ for each $z \in K$. This implies $\sup_{z \in K} |f(z)| \leq M\|f\|_v$ for each $f \in H_v^\infty(G)$, and the inclusion map $J : H_v^\infty(G) \rightarrow (H(G), \tau_{co})$ is continuous. This proves (ii). \square

Remark 2.5 As a consequence of Ptak's version of the closed graph theorem [12, Theorem 4, page 301], if $H_v^\infty(G)$ is a non-complete normed space, then it is not barrelled, *i.e.*, there are weak- $*$ bounded sets in the topological dual which are not norm bounded.

Theorem 2.6 *Let $v : G \rightarrow [0, \infty[$ be a bounded weight on a planar domain G such that the space $H_v^\infty(G)$ is normed. The space $H_v^\infty(G)$ is complete if and only if there is a bounded, continuous, strictly positive weight \tilde{v} on G such that $H_v^\infty(G) = H_{\tilde{v}}^\infty(G)$.*

Proof. It is well-known that if \tilde{v} is a bounded, continuous, strictly positive weight \tilde{v} on G , then the space $H_{\tilde{v}}^\infty(G)$ is a Banach space. We prove the converse. To do this we follow ideas of [4]. By assumption there is $M > 0$ such that $0 \leq v(z) \leq M$ for each $z \in G$. Hence, the constant function $f_0(z) := 1/M, z \in G$, belongs to $H_v^\infty(G)$ and $\|f_0\|_v \leq 1$.

For each $z \in G$ we have $\delta_z \in H_v^\infty(G)'$ by Proposition 2.4, and $\|\delta_z\|'_v \geq |f_0(z)| = 1/M > 0$. We set

$$\tilde{v}(z) := 1/\|\delta_z\|'_v, \quad z \in G.$$

By the previous estimate $0 < \tilde{v}(z) \leq M$ for each $z \in G$. Moreover, $v(z) \leq \tilde{v}(z)$ for each $z \in G$. In fact, the inequality is obvious if $v(z) = 0$. If $v(z) > 0$ and $g \in H_v^\infty(G)$ satisfies $\|g\|_v \leq 1$, then $|g(z)| \leq 1/v(z)$. This implies $1/\tilde{v}(z) \leq 1/v(z)$. Thus $v(z) \leq \tilde{v}(z)$. This implies, in particular, that $H_v^\infty(G) \subset H_{\tilde{v}}^\infty(G)$ with a continuous, norm decreasing inclusion.

Now $H_{\tilde{v}}^\infty(G) = H_v^\infty(G)$ holds isometrically. Indeed, if $f \in H_v^\infty(G)$ with $\|f\|_v \leq 1$, then $\tilde{v}(z)|f(z)| \leq 1$ for each $z \in G$. Therefore $f \in H_{\tilde{v}}^\infty(G)$ and $\|f\|_{\tilde{v}} \leq 1$. This implies $H_v^\infty(G) \subset H_{\tilde{v}}^\infty(G)$ with a norm decreasing inclusion.

It remains to prove that the weight \tilde{v} is continuous. Indeed, the map $\Delta : G \rightarrow H_v^\infty(G)'$, $\Delta(z) := \delta_z$ is well defined and locally bounded since every $z \in G$ has a compact neighborhood and the conclusion follows from condition (iv) in Proposition 2.4. Now, for each $f \in H_v^\infty(G) \subset H_v^\infty(G)''$, the map $T_f \circ \Delta : G \rightarrow \mathbb{C}, z \rightarrow f(z)$, is holomorphic on G . By [10, Theorem 1] the vector valued mapping $\Delta : G \rightarrow H_v^\infty(G)'$ is holomorphic, hence continuous for the dual norm $\|\cdot\|'_v$ on $H_v^\infty(G)'$. Since the norm is continuous, it follows that the function given by $\tilde{v}(z) = 1/\|\Delta(z)\|'_v$ is continuous. This completes the proof. \square

Remark 2.7 (1) A weight v on G is bounded if and only if the constant function 1 belongs to $H_v^\infty(G)$ if and only if every bounded analytic function on G belongs to $H_v^\infty(G)$. In this case $H_v^\infty(G)$ is non-trivial. (As is customary, we will say that a vector space is *non-trivial* if it contains a non-zero vector.)

(2) As is usual, from now on we write

$$B(z_0, r) := \{z \in \mathbb{C} \mid |z - z_0| < r\}$$

to denote the open disk of radius r centered at z_0 . Assume that there exists a point $z_0 \in E_v$ with $B(z_0, r_0) \subset E_v$ for some $r_0 > 0$ and such that the function $w(r) := \sup\{1/v(z) \mid |z - z_0| < r\}$, $0 < r < r_0$, satisfies $\lim_{r \rightarrow 0} w(r)/r^n = 0$ for each $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Then $H_v^\infty(G) = \{0\}$. Indeed, if $f \in H_v^\infty(G)$, and $f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n(z - z_0)^n$ is the Taylor series expansion of $f(z)$ in $B(z_0, r_0)$, then the Cauchy estimates imply that $|a_n| \leq \|f\|_v w(r)/r^n$ for each $0 < r < r_0$, which yields $a_n = 0$ for each $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

(3) Given any positive integer n , the space $H_v^\infty(G)$ can be n -dimensional, at least in the case when $G = \mathbb{C}$. Take, for example, $v(z) := \min(1, |z|^{1/2-n})$, $z \in \mathbb{C}$. In this case it follows again from the Cauchy estimates that $H_v^\infty(\mathbb{C})$ consists only of the polynomials of degree at most $n - 1$ since $|f(z)| \leq C|z|^{n-1/2}$ for $|z| > 1$.

(4) Assume that v is locally bounded, *i.e.*, for each $z \in G$ there is $r(z) > 0$ such that $B(z, r(z)) \subset G$ and $\sup\{v(\zeta) \mid \zeta \in B(z, r(z))\} < \infty$. If $H_v^\infty(G) \neq \{0\}$, then $\|\delta_z\|'_v > 0$ for each $z \in G$ with $\delta_z \in H_v^\infty(G)'$. Indeed, if there is a non-zero function $f_0 \in H_v^\infty(G)$ such that $f_0(z_0) = 0$ and k is the order of the zero z_0 of f_0 , then it is easy to see that the function $g_0 := f_0(z)/(z - z_0)^k$, $z \in G$, belongs to $H_v^\infty(G)$ and $g_0(z_0) \neq 0$.

(5) If v is locally bounded and the dimension of $H_v^\infty(G)$ is at least 2, then $H_v^\infty(G)$ separates points of G . Indeed, let z_1 and z_2 be two different points in G . If $\ker(\delta_{z_1})$ in $H_v^\infty(G)$ is $\{0\}$, then the dimension of $H_v^\infty(G)$ is 0 or 1, because $\ker(\delta_{z_1})$ is a hyperplane of $H_v^\infty(G)$. Otherwise, there is a non-zero function $f \in H_v^\infty(G)$ such that $f(z_1) = 0$. If $f(z_2) \neq 0$, we are done. In case $f(z_2) = 0$ and k is the order of the zero z_2 of $f(z)$, then it is enough to take $g(z) := f(z)/(z - z_2)^k \in H_v^\infty(G)$ to separate z_1 and z_2 . This argument is adapted from the proof of [7, Lemma 4].

It appears natural to consider the following topology τ on $H_v^\infty(G)$ that combines the convergence on the compact subsets of G with the uniform convergence on E_v induced by $1/v$. Select a fundamental sequence $(K_n)_n$ of

compact subsets of G and define the sequence of norms

$$\|f\|_n := \sup_{z \in K_n} |f(z)| + \|f\|_v, \quad f \in H_v^\infty(G), \quad n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

It is easy to see that $(H_v^\infty(G), \tau)$ is a Fréchet space, that the topology τ is finer than the compact open topology τ_{co} and also finer than the topology τ_v induced by the seminorm $\|\cdot\|_v$. In fact, it is the coarsest topology that is finer than these two topologies. Our next result collects some elementary facts about this topology. Recall that a locally convex topology σ on a space X is *normable* if there is a norm $|\cdot|$ in the space such that the topology σ coincides with the topology induced by the norm $|\cdot|$. The space (X, σ) is normable if and only if there is a σ -continuous (semi)norm p on X such that for every continuous seminorm q on (X, σ) there is a constant $C > 0$ such that $q(x) \leq Cp(x)$ for each $x \in X$.

Proposition 2.8 *Let $v : G \rightarrow [0, \infty[$ be a weight on a planar domain G .*

- (i) *The topology τ is coarser than τ_v if and only if the two topologies coincide (equivalently, if $(H_v^\infty(G), \|\cdot\|_v)$ is a Banach space).*
- (ii) *The topology τ is normable if and only if there is a compact set K in G such that the weight $w(z) := v(z) + \chi_K(z)$, $z \in G$, where χ_K is the characteristic function of K , makes $H_w^\infty(G)$ into a Banach space.*
- (iii) *If E_v is contained in a compact subset of G and v is bounded, then τ coincides with the compact open topology τ_{co} on $H_v^\infty(G)$. Under the assumptions that $H_v^\infty(G)$ contains the polynomials and G is simply connected, the converse also holds: if $\tau = \tau_{co}$ on $H_v^\infty(G)$, then there is a compact set K in G such that $E_v \subset K$.*
- (iv) *If the topology τ is normable, then E_v is not discrete.*

Proof. (i) If τ is coarser than τ_v , then the two topologies coincide and $(H_v^\infty(G), \|\cdot\|_v)$ is a Banach space, because τ_v is Hausdorff and complete since it coincides with τ . Conversely, if $(H_v^\infty(G), \|\cdot\|_v)$ is a Banach space, then τ_v is finer than τ_{co} by Proposition 2.4. This implies that τ_v is finer than τ .

(ii) The topology τ is normable if and only if there is m such that for all n there is $C_n > 0$ with $\|f\|_n \leq C_m \|f\|_m$ for each $f \in H_v^\infty(G)$. We select $K = K_m$ and define w as in the statement. Clearly $H_v^\infty(G) = H_w^\infty(G)$

and $\|f\|_w = \sup_{z \in G} w(z)|f(z)| \leq \|f\|_m \leq 2\|f\|_w$ for each $f \in H_v^\infty(G)$. Therefore, τ is normable if and only if $\tau = \tau_w$. The conclusion now follows from part (i).

(iii) The topology τ is always finer than τ_{co} on $H_v^\infty(G)$. Assume that there is $m \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $E_v \subset K_m$ and that there is $M > 0$ such that $v(z) \leq M$ for all $z \in G$. Then $\|f\|_v \leq M \sup_{z \in K_m} |f(z)|$ for each $f \in H_v^\infty(G)$. This implies $\|f\|_n \leq (M+1) \sup_{z \in K_n} |f(z)|$ for each $f \in H_v^\infty(G)$ and each $n \geq m$. Therefore τ is coarser than τ_{co} on $H_v^\infty(G)$.

Now assume that $H_v^\infty(G)$ contains the polynomials, G is simply connected and $\tau = \tau_{co}$ on $H_v^\infty(G)$. Then there is a compact set K in G and there is $C > 0$ such that $\sup_{z \in G} v(z)|f(z)| \leq C \sup_{z \in K} |f(z)|$ for each $f \in H_v^\infty(G)$. We may assume that $\mathbb{C} \setminus K$ is connected. Proceeding by contradiction, suppose that there is $z_0 \in E_v \setminus K$. We have $|f(z_0)| \leq (C/v(z_0)) \sup_{z \in K} |f(z)|$ for each $f \in H_v^\infty(G)$. By Runge's theorem K is polynomially convex and there is a polynomial g such that $|g(z_0)| > \alpha > \sup_{z \in K} |g(z)|$. Define $h_n := (g/\alpha)^n$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Each h_n is a polynomial, hence it belongs to $H_v^\infty(G)$ by assumption. We have $|h_n(z_0)| \leq (C/v(z_0)) \sup_{z \in K} |h_n(z)| \leq C/v(z_0)$ for each $n \in \mathbb{N}$. But $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |h_n(z_0)| = \infty$. This is a contradiction.

(iv) Assume that E_v is discrete in G and define $X := \{f \in H_v^\infty(G) \mid f(z) = 0 \text{ for all } z \in E_v\}$. The space X (and accordingly $H_v^\infty(G)$) is infinite dimensional. Indeed, take another discrete set F in G disjoint with E_v . We can apply the Weierstrass interpolation theorem to find a linearly independent sequence $(f_n)_n$ of analytic functions on G which vanish on E_v . Clearly this sequence is contained in X . On the other hand, the topology τ restricted to X coincides with the restriction to X of the topology τ_{co} of uniform convergence on the compact subsets of G . To see this, just compare the norms on elements of X . If $(H_v^\infty(G), \tau)$ is normable, so is the space (X, τ) . But (X, τ) is a closed subspace of the space $(H(G), \tau_{co})$. By Montel's theorem the bounded subsets of $(X, \tau_{co}) = (X, \tau)$ are relatively compact. By a theorem of Riesz the normed space $(X, \tau_{co}) = (X, \tau)$ must be finite dimensional. This is a contradiction. \square

As a consequence of Proposition 2.8, if $H_v^\infty(G)$ is a Banach space (in particular in the classical case when v is continuous and strictly positive), then the topology τ coincides with τ_v . On the other hand, if v is a weight on a simply connected domain G in \mathbb{C} such that E_v is an infinite discrete subset of G and $H_v^\infty(G)$ contains the polynomials, then τ is not normable by Proposition 2.8 (iv) and it is strictly finer than the topology τ_{co} of uniform

convergence on the compact subsets of G by Proposition 2.8 (iii). See also Corollary 3.4 below.

3 Function theoretic approach

Our approach in this section (kindly suggested by the referee) is based on function theory. We begin with the following lemma.

Lemma 3.1 *Let v be a weight on the planar domain G such that E_v is not discrete. Then the normed space $H_v^\infty(G)$ is complete if and only if every function $f : E_v \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ for which there is a sequence $(f_n)_n$ in $H_v^\infty(G)$ such that $v(z)|f_n(z) - f(z)| \rightarrow 0$ uniformly on E_v as $n \rightarrow \infty$ has a (necessarily unique) holomorphic extension to G .*

Proof. If $H_v^\infty(G)$ is complete and $(f_n)_n$ is a sequence in $H_v^\infty(G)$ such that $v(z)|f_n(z) - f(z)| \rightarrow 0$ uniformly on E_v as $n \rightarrow \infty$ for some function $f : E_v \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$, then $(f_n)_n$ is a Cauchy sequence in $H_v^\infty(G)$ and there is $g \in H_v^\infty(G)$ such that $\|f_n - g\|_v \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. The function g is a holomorphic extension of f to G . Conversely, let $(f_n)_n$ be a Cauchy sequence in $H_v^\infty(G)$. There is $f : E_v \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ such that $v(z)|f_n(z) - f(z)| \rightarrow 0$ uniformly on E_v as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Our assumption now implies that there is $g \in H(G)$ such that $g(z) = f(z)$ for all $z \in E_v$. Clearly $g \in H_v^\infty(G)$ and the sequence $(f_n)_n$ converges to g in $H_v^\infty(G)$. \square

In the sequel, as is usual, we will denote the boundary of a set A by ∂A .

Proposition 3.2 *Let $v : G \rightarrow [0, \infty[$ be a weight on a planar domain G . If $H_v^\infty(G)$ is a non-trivial Banach space, then the boundary ∂G is contained in the closure $\overline{E_v}$ of E_v in \mathbb{C} .*

Proof. Assume, on the contrary, that there is $z_0 \in \partial G \setminus \overline{E_v}$. Let $r > 0$ be such that $|z - z_0| \geq r$ for all $z \in E_v$. Select a non-zero function $h \in H_v^\infty(G)$. There is $z_1 \in G$ with $|z_1 - z_0| < r$ such that $h(z_1) \neq 0$. We have that

$$f(z) := \frac{z_1 - z_0}{z - z_1} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{z_1 - z_0}{z - z_0} \right)^n$$

uniformly on $|z - z_0| \geq |z_1 - z_0| + \varepsilon$ for all $\varepsilon > 0$, and therefore uniformly on E_v . Then the functions

$$g_n(z) := \sum_{k=1}^n \left(\frac{z_1 - z_0}{z - z_0} \right)^k, \quad n \in \mathbb{N},$$

are holomorphic on G and converge to f on E_v . Note that $hg_n \in H_v^\infty(G)$ since g_n is bounded on E_v . We have

$$\sup_{z \in E_v} v(z) |(hg_n)(z) - (hf)(z)| \leq \|h\|_v \sup_{z \in E_v} |g_n(z) - f(z)| \rightarrow 0,$$

as $n \rightarrow \infty$. By Lemma 3.1 the function $hf : E_v \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ has a unique holomorphic extension to G . However, hf has a pole at z_1 . This is a contradiction. \square

The idea of working with a non-zero element h of $H_v^\infty(G)$ in the above proof can be found in Gaier [9, p. 151]. It avoids the assumption that v is bounded which was needed in our original proof.

Corollary 3.3 *Let $v : G \rightarrow [0, \infty[$ be a weight on a planar domain G (other than the plane itself) such that $H_v^\infty(G)$ is normed and non-trivial.*

- (1) *If E_v is contained in a convex closed proper subset A of G , then $H_v^\infty(G)$ is not a Banach space.*
- (2) *If the closure of E_v in \mathbb{C} is a compact subset of G , then $H_v^\infty(G)$ is not a Banach space.*

Proof. This is a direct consequence of Proposition 3.2. \square

As a consequence of Corollary 3.3 one easily deduces the following example that one expects intuitively: the weight $v(z) = \max\{0, \operatorname{Re} z\}$ is continuous on the unit disk \mathbb{D} , vanishes in the left-hand half of the disk, it is strictly positive in the remaining open right semi-disk, and $H_v^\infty(\mathbb{D})$ is not a Banach space.

Corollary 3.4 *Let $v : G \rightarrow [0, \infty[$ be a weight on a planar domain G (other than the plane itself) such that $H_v^\infty(G)$ is normed and non-trivial. If the boundary ∂G is not contained in the closure $\overline{E_v}$ of E_v in \mathbb{C} , then the topology τ of Proposition 2.8 on the space $H_v^\infty(G)$ is not normable.*

Proof. Assume, on the contrary, that $(H_v^\infty(G), \tau)$ is normable. By Proposition 2.8 there is a compact set K in G such that the weight $w(z) := v(z) + \chi_K(z)$, $z \in G$, where χ_K is the characteristic function of K , satisfies that $H_w^\infty(G)$ is a Banach space. The boundary ∂G is not contained in the closure $\overline{E_w} = \overline{E_v \cup K}$ of E_w in \mathbb{C} , since is not contained in the closure $\overline{E_v}$ of E_v in \mathbb{C} and K is a compact subset of G . Proposition 3.2 implies that $H_w^\infty(G)$ is not a Banach space; a contradiction. \square

Let A be subset of a domain G in \mathbb{C} . We recall that the *holomorphically convex hull of A in G* is the set

$$Hco(A) := \{z \in G \mid |f(z)| \leq \sup_{\zeta \in A} |f(\zeta)|, \forall f \in H(G)\}.$$

Every domain G in \mathbb{C} is holomorphically convex in the sense that for each compact set K in G the holomorphic convex hull $Hco(K)$ is compact and contained in G ; cf. [11]. With this concept at hand, we can obtain the following complement of Proposition 3.2 for bounded weights which includes the case $G = \mathbb{C}$. It implies, for example, that $H_v^\infty(\mathbb{C})$ is not a Banach space if v is a bounded weight on \mathbb{C} such that E_v is relatively compact.

Proposition 3.5 *Let $v : G \rightarrow [0, \infty[$ be a bounded weight on a planar domain G . If $H_v^\infty(G)$ is a Banach space, then G coincides with the holomorphic convex hull $Hco(E_v)$ of $E_v := \{z \in G \mid v(z) > 0\}$.*

Proof. We give a proof by contradiction. Assume there exist a point $z_0 \in G$ and a function $g_0 \in H(G)$ such that

$$|g_0(z_0)| > \alpha > \sup_{\zeta \in E_v} |g_0(\zeta)|$$

for some $\alpha > 0$. Set $g := g_0/\alpha \in H(G)$. Then $|g(z_0)| > 1$ and $|g(\zeta)| \leq 1$ for each $\zeta \in E_v$.

We show that the sequence $(g^k)_k$ is bounded in $H_v^\infty(G)$. Since v is bounded, there is $M > 0$ with $v(z) \leq M$ for each $z \in G$. If $z \notin E_v$, then $v(z)|g^k(z)| = 0$ for each $k \in \mathbb{N}$. On the other hand, if $z \in E_v$, then $v(z)|g(z)^k| \leq v(z) \leq M$. Hence $\sup_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \sup_{z \in G} v(z)|g(z)^k| \leq M$.

By assumption $H_v^\infty(G)$ is a Banach space, hence $(g^k)_k$ is a bounded sequence in $(H(G), \tau_{co})$ by Proposition 2.4 (ii). However, $|g(z_0)^k| \rightarrow \infty$ as $k \rightarrow \infty$, which is absurd. \square

Lemma 3.1 can also be used to get positive results.

Proposition 3.6 *Let $v : G \rightarrow [0, \infty[$ be a weight on a planar domain G . Suppose that for each $z \in G$ there is a bounded open set $U \subset G$ such that $z \in U$, $\partial U \subset E_v$, and v is bounded away from 0 on ∂U . Then $H_v^\infty(G)$ is a Banach space*

Proof. Let $f : E_v \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ be a function and let $(f_n)_n$ be a sequence in $H_v^\infty(G)$ such that $v(z)|f_n(z) - f(z)| \rightarrow 0$ uniformly on E_v . By Lemma 3.1 it suffices to prove that f has a holomorphic extension to G . Let $U \subset G$ be a non-empty bounded open subset such that $\partial U \subset E_v$ and v is bounded away from 0 on ∂U . Then $v(z)|f_n(z) - f(z)| \rightarrow 0$ uniformly on ∂U and hence $|f_n(z) - f_m(z)| \rightarrow 0$ as $n, m \rightarrow \infty$ uniformly on ∂U . The maximum modulus principle implies that $(f_n)_n$ converges uniformly on \bar{U} to a function f_U that is holomorphic on U , continuous on \bar{U} and that coincides with f on $\bar{U} \cap E_v$.

Now, let U, V be two bounded open sets with $U \cap V \neq \emptyset$ such that $\partial U \cup \partial V \subset E_v$ and v is bounded away from 0 on ∂U and ∂V . Then $\partial(U \cap V) \subset \partial U \cup \partial V \subset E_v$ and v is bounded away from 0 on $\partial(U \cap V)$. Thus the three holomorphic functions f_U, f_V and $f_{U \cap V}$ are defined. Since f_U and f_V agree on $\partial(U \cap V)$, they agree on $U \cap V$. This shows that if $U \subset G$ is a bounded set containing z such that $\partial U \subset E_v$ and v is bounded away from 0 on ∂U , by setting $g(z) := f_U(z), z \in G$, we define in a unique way a holomorphic function g on G that coincides with f on E_v . \square

Corollary 3.7 *Let $v : G \rightarrow [0, \infty[$ be a continuous weight on a planar domain G such that $G \setminus E_v$ is discrete, i.e., the zeros of v are isolated. Then $H_v^\infty(G)$ is a Banach space.*

Proof. This is a direct consequence of Proposition 3.6. \square

As a consequence of Corollary 3.7, if $F \in H(G)$ is a non-zero holomorphic function on a planar domain G and $v(z) := |F(z)|, z \in G$, then $H_v^\infty(G)$ is a Banach space. This example is mentioned in [15, Example 3].

Corollary 3.8 *Let $v : G \rightarrow [0, \infty[$ be a weight on a planar domain G such that $\overline{G \setminus E_v}$ is a compact subset of G . If $\inf_{z \in K} v(z) > 0$ for each compact subset $K \subset G \setminus (\overline{G \setminus E_v})$, then $H_v^\infty(G)$ is a Banach space.*

Proof. We select a bounded open set V whose closure \bar{V} is a compact subset of G and such that the compact subset $\overline{G \setminus E_v}$ of G is contained in V . The boundary ∂V of V is also a compact subset of G and $\inf_{z \in \partial V} v(z) > 0$ by

assumption. If $z \in \overline{G \setminus E_v}$, we take the open set V to get $z \in V$ and v is bounded away from 0 on ∂V . If $z \notin \overline{G \setminus E_v}$, it is enough to take an open disk U centered at z whose closure does not meet $\overline{G \setminus E_v}$. By assumption $\inf_{z \in \partial U} v(z) > 0$. The conclusion follows from Proposition 3.6. \square

The assumptions of Corollary 3.8 are satisfied if v is the characteristic function of a subset A of G such that $G \setminus A$ is a compact subset of G .

Corollary 3.9 *Let $G = \mathbb{D}$ (resp. $G = \mathbb{C}$). Let v be a bounded radial weight on G . The space $H_v^\infty(G)$ is a Banach space if and only if E_v is not compact in G or, equivalently, if and only if there is an increasing sequence $(r_k)_k$ in $]0, 1[$ tending to 1 (resp. $(r_k)_k$ in $]0, \infty[$ tending to ∞) such that $v(r_k) > 0$ for each $k \in \mathbb{N}$.*

In particular, if $v(z) := |F(|z|)|$, $z \in G$, for a non-zero function $F \in H(G)$, then $H_v^\infty(G)$ is a Banach space.

Proof. This is a direct consequence of Proposition 3.6 and Corollary 3.3 (2) (for $G \neq \mathbb{C}$) and Proposition 3.5 (for $G = \mathbb{C}$). \square

Let v be the weight on \mathbb{D} defined by $v(z) := a_n > 0$ if $|z| = 1 - (1/n)$, and $v(z) = 0$ otherwise. Then $H_v^\infty(G)$ is a Banach space by Corollary 3.9. Observe that the sequence $(a_n)_n \subset]0, \infty[$ need not be bounded. Similar examples can be obtained by replacing \mathbb{D} by \mathbb{C} and $1 - (1/n)$ by n , $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Proposition 3.10 *Let $F \in H(G)$ be a non-zero function on a planar domain G . Define $v(z) := 0$ if $F(z) = 0$ and $v(z) := 1/|F(z)|$ if $F(z) \neq 0$. Then $H_v^\infty(G)$ is a Banach space that coincides with the set of all $f \in H(G)$ such that there is $C = C(f) > 0$ with $|f(z)| \leq C|F(z)|$ for each $z \in G$.*

Proof. The weight v is in general unbounded and not continuous, but it has isolated zeros. Then $H_v^\infty(G)$ is a normed space by Proposition 2.1 and a Banach space by Proposition 3.6.

Now we prove the other part of the statement. If $f \in H(G)$ satisfies $|f(z)| \leq C|F(z)|$ for each $z \in G$, then $f(z) = 0$ whenever $F(z) = 0$. Moreover, $v(z)|f(z)| \leq Cv(z)|F(z)|$ for each $z \in G$, hence $f \in H_v^\infty(G)$ and $\|f\|_v \leq C$. On the other hand, if $f \in H_v^\infty(G)$ satisfies $\|f\|_v = D > 0$, then $|f(z)| \leq D|F(z)|$ if $F(z) \neq 0$. Since both f and F are continuous and the zeros of F are isolated, this inequality implies that $f(z) = 0$ whenever $F(z) = 0$. Therefore $f \in H_v^\infty(G)$ if and only if there is $C > 0$ with $|f(z)| \leq C|F(z)|$ for each $z \in G$. \square

Remark 3.11 Observe, for the weight v on G considered in Proposition 3.10, that we have $\|\delta_z\|'_v = 0$ if $F(z) = 0$ (since each $f \in H_v^\infty(G)$ vanishes on such $z \in G$), and $\|\delta_z\|'_v = |F(z)|$ if $F(z) \neq 0$. In fact, $F \in H_v^\infty(G)$ and $\|F\|_v = 1$, thus $\|\delta_z\|'_v \geq |F(z)|$. Moreover, if $f \in B_v^\infty$, then $|f(z)| \leq |F(z)|$, which yields $\|\delta_z\|'_v \leq |F(z)|$. Therefore $\|\delta_z\|'_v = |F(z)|$ for each $z \in G$. It follows that the weight $\tilde{v}(z) := 1/\|\delta_z\|'_v$ associated with this particular weight v and constructed in the proof of Theorem 2.6, is in general not defined on the whole set G and is unbounded on the set on which it is defined. This shows that the assumption that the weight v is bounded cannot be omitted in Theorem 2.6.

The following result complements Proposition 3.6. It allows us to construct examples of Banach spaces $H_v^\infty(\mathbb{D})$ for a weight v which, in each circle of radius $1 - (1/n)$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$, takes a strictly positive value α_n on a dense subset D_n of the circle and is 0 outside the union of the sets D_n , $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Proposition 3.12 *Let $v : G \rightarrow [0, \infty[$ be a weight on a planar domain G . Assume that for each compact set $K \subset G$ there is a compact set L such that $K \subset L \subset G$ and a number $\alpha > 0$ such that*

$$\partial L \subset \overline{\{z \in G \mid v(z) \geq \alpha\}}.$$

Then $H_v^\infty(G)$ is a Banach space.

Proof. We first prove that the assumption implies that for each compact set $K \subset G$ there is a compact set M such that $K \subset M \subset G$, and there is a positive constant α such that K is contained in the holomorphic convex hull $Hco\overline{\{z \in M \mid v(z) \geq \alpha\}}$ of $\overline{\{z \in M \mid v(z) \geq \alpha\}}$. To see this, fix a compact set $K \subset G$. We apply the assumption to find a compact set L containing K and α such that $\partial L \subset \overline{\{z \in G \mid v(z) \geq \alpha\}}$. If $G = \mathbb{C}$, take $d = 1$, and if $G \neq \mathbb{C}$, set $d := \text{dist}(L, \mathbb{C} \setminus G)$. The set $M := \{x \in \mathbb{C} \mid \text{dist}(x, L) \leq d/2\}$ is compact, contained in G and $L \subset M$. Define $S := \overline{\{z \in M \mid v(z) \geq \alpha\}} \subset M$. We show that $\partial L \subset S$. Indeed, if $z \in \partial L$, there is a sequence $(x_j)_j \subset G$ such that $v(x_j) \geq \alpha$ for each $j \in \mathbb{N}$ and $x_j \rightarrow z$ as $j \rightarrow \infty$. There is $J \in \mathbb{N}$ such that, for $j \geq J$, $\text{dist}(x_j, L) \leq |x_j - z| < d/2$. If $j \geq J$, then $x_j \in M$ and $v(x_j) \geq \alpha$, which means $x_j \in S$. This implies $z \in S$.

Now, if $z \in K \subset L$ and $f \in H(G)$, we can apply the maximum principle to get

$$|f(z)| \leq \sup_{\zeta \in L} |f(\zeta)| = \sup_{\zeta \in \partial L} |f(\zeta)| \leq \sup_{\zeta \in S} |f(\zeta)|.$$

This implies that $K \subset Hco(S)$.

Now we proceed to prove that the closed unit ball B_v^∞ of $H_v^\infty(G)$ is bounded in $(H(G), \tau_{co})$; the conclusion will follow from Proposition 2.4.

Given a compact set $K \subset G$ we apply the first part of the proof to find the compact set $M \subset G$ and $\alpha > 0$. Set $R := \{z \in M \mid v(z) \geq \alpha\}$. If $f \in B_v^\infty$ and $z \in K$, then $z \in Hco(\overline{R})$. Thus, since f is continuous and $\overline{R} \subset M \subset G$, we get

$$|f(z)| \leq \sup_{\zeta \in \overline{R}} |f(\zeta)| = \sup_{\zeta \in R} |f(\zeta)|, \quad \forall z \in K.$$

If $\zeta \in R$, then $v(\zeta) \geq \alpha$. This implies $\alpha |f(\zeta)| \leq v(\zeta) |f(\zeta)| \leq 1$ for each $\zeta \in R$. Hence $\sup_{\zeta \in R} |f(\zeta)| \leq 1/\alpha$. Therefore $|f(z)| \leq 1/\alpha$ for each $z \in K$ and each $f \in B_v^\infty$, which implies that B_v^∞ is bounded in $(H(G), \tau_{co})$. \square

The reader should notice that there are various situations which are not covered by the above results. We include some of them in this final part of the paper.

Proposition 3.13 *Let $v : G \rightarrow [0, \infty[$ be a weight on a planar domain G with the property that, for every point z in G , there exist positive numbers p_z and R_z satisfying $R_z < \text{dist}(z, \partial G)$ and*

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \frac{1}{(v(z + R_z e^{i\theta}))^{p_z}} \frac{d\theta}{2\pi} < +\infty.$$

Then $H_v^\infty(G)$ is a Banach space.

Proof. It suffices to show that the closed unit ball B_v^∞ of $H_v^\infty(G)$ is bounded in $(H(G), \tau_{co})$. The conclusion will then follow from Proposition 2.4. To this end, fix a compact subset K of G . Obviously, $K \subset \cup_{z \in K} B(z, \frac{1}{2}R_z)$ and by compactness we can select finitely many points $z_1, \dots, z_J \in K$ so that

$$K \subset \bigcup_{j=1}^J B(z_j, \frac{1}{2}R_{z_j}). \quad (3.1)$$

Set $R_j := R_{z_j}$ and $r_j := \frac{1}{2}R_{z_j}$, $j = 1, \dots, J$. Then $0 < r_j < R_j$ for all j and $K \subset \bigcup_{j=1}^J B(z_j, r_j)$. Since $dm(\theta) = d\theta/(2\pi)$ is a probability measure on $[0, 2\pi]$, an elementary application of Hölder's inequality shows that for a fixed v , z , and R the integral means

$$\left(\int_0^{2\pi} \frac{1}{(v(z + R e^{i\theta}))^p} \frac{d\theta}{2\pi} \right)^{1/p}$$

increase as $p \in (0, \infty)$ increases. Thus, for a given compact subset K and the corresponding points z_j and values R_j, r_j , and p_j from the assumptions of the statement, by choosing $p = \min\{p_1, \dots, p_J\}$ it follows that

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \frac{1}{(v(z_j + R_j e^{i\theta}))^p} \frac{d\theta}{2\pi} =: I_j(K) < +\infty, \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, J. \quad (3.2)$$

If $z \in \overline{B(z_j, r_j)}$ for some $j = 1, \dots, J$, then, for each f in the unit ball B_v^∞ of $H_v^\infty(G)$, we get

$$|f(z)|^p \leq \frac{R_j + r_j}{R_j - r_j} \int_0^{2\pi} |f(z_j + R_j e^{i\theta})|^p \frac{d\theta}{2\pi} \leq \frac{R_j + r_j}{R_j - r_j} I_j(K).$$

The second inequality is clear, since $v(\zeta)|f(\zeta)| \leq 1$ for each $\zeta \in G$. To justify the first one, first observe that $u(\zeta) := |f(\zeta)|^p, \zeta \in G$, is a non-negative, continuous and subharmonic function and then apply the Poisson integral inequality to u : for $0 < r \leq r_j$ and all $t \in [0, 2\pi]$, we have

$$u(z_j + r e^{it}) \leq \frac{R_j + r}{R_j - r} \int_0^{2\pi} u(z_j + R_j e^{i\theta}) \frac{d\theta}{2\pi}.$$

Accordingly,

$$\sup_{z \in \overline{B(z_j, r_j)}} |f(z)| \leq \left(\frac{R_j + r_j}{R_j - r_j} I_j(K) \right)^{1/p}.$$

Therefore

$$\sup_{z \in K} |f(z)| \leq \max \left\{ \left(\frac{R_j + r_j}{R_j - r_j} I_j(K) \right)^{1/p}, j = 1, \dots, J \right\}$$

for each $f \in B_v^\infty$, and B_v^∞ is bounded in $(H(G), \tau_{co})$. \square

Example 3.14 Let $q > 0$ and $v(z) = |\operatorname{Re} z|^q, z \in \mathbb{D}$. Then the normed space $H_v^\infty(\mathbb{D})$ is complete. (This solves an interesting question posed to us by the referee.)

To see this, we check that the condition of Proposition 3.13 is satisfied. Indeed, select $p > 0$ such that $0 < pq < 1$; this p will serve for all points $z \in \mathbb{D}$. We will choose the value of R_z depending on the location of the point z in \mathbb{D} with respect to the zero set of v :

(1) If z is not on the imaginary axis, we can pick R sufficiently small so that $\overline{B(z; R)}$ does not intersect this axis and hence the function v^{-p} is bounded both from above and from below on this disk.

(2) If $z = yi$ is any point on the imaginary axis ($0 \leq |y| < 1$), we select $R \in [0, 1[$ with $|yi + Re^{i\theta}| < 1$ for each $\theta \in [0, 2\pi]$. Note that

$$v(z + Re^{i\theta}) = |\operatorname{Re}(yi + Re^{i\theta})|^q = R^q |\cos \theta|^q.$$

Hence

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \frac{1}{(v(yi + Re^{i\theta}))^p} d\theta = \frac{1}{R^{pq}} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{d\theta}{|\cos \theta|^{pq}},$$

which is finite since the function $\frac{1}{|\cos \theta|^\beta}$ is integrable in $[0, 2\pi]$ if $0 < \beta < 1$.

Example 3.15 Let v be a weight on \mathbb{D} such that there is a strictly increasing sequence $(r_n)_n$ of positive numbers tending to 1 such that for each n there is $a_n > 0$ such that $v(r_n e^{i\theta}) \geq a_n$ almost everywhere in $[0, 2\pi]$. Then the normed space $H_v^\infty(\mathbb{D})$ is complete. Indeed, define a radial weight w on \mathbb{D} by setting $w(r_n) := \min(a_n, 1)$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$, and 0 otherwise. By Corollary 3.9, $H_w^\infty(\mathbb{D})$ is complete, so that the closed unit ball B_w^∞ of $H_w^\infty(\mathbb{D})$ is bounded in $(H(\mathbb{D}), \tau_{co})$. Now let f belong to the closed unit ball B_v^∞ of $H_v^\infty(\mathbb{D})$. Then, for each $n \in \mathbb{N}$,

$$a_n |f(r_n e^{i\theta})| \leq v(r_n e^{i\theta}) |f(r_n e^{i\theta})| \leq 1$$

almost everywhere in $[0, 2\pi]$. Since f is continuous, we have $w(z)|f(z)| \leq 1$ for each $z \in \mathbb{D}$, so that $f \in B_w^\infty$. Thus $B_v^\infty \subset B_w^\infty$, and B_v^∞ is also bounded in $(H(\mathbb{D}), \tau_{co})$. The conclusion follows from Proposition 2.4.

Remark 3.16 Let w be a continuous weight on G such that $H_w^\infty(\mathbb{D})$ is a Banach space. Let v be a weight on G such that $\{z \in G | v(z) = w(z)\}$ is dense in G (note that this implies that E_v is not discrete, so that $H_v^\infty(\mathbb{D})$ is normed). Then $H_v^\infty(\mathbb{D})$ is actually a Banach space. Indeed, if $f \in B_v^\infty$, then $v(z)|f(z)| \leq 1$ for all $z \in G$. The assumption and the continuity of both f and w imply that $w(z)|f(z)| \leq 1$ for all $z \in G$. Thus $f \in B_w^\infty$. The conclusion follows again from Proposition 2.4. In particular, if w is a continuous strictly positive weight on \mathbb{D} and v is defined as follows:

$$v(z) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } \operatorname{Re} z = 0 \\ w(z), & \text{if } \operatorname{Re} z \neq 0, \end{cases}$$

then $H_v^\infty(\mathbb{D})$ is a Banach space.

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