

# SOME OVERDETERMINED PROBLEMS RELATED TO THE ANISOTROPIC CAPACITY

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ABSTRACT. We characterize the Wulff shape of an anisotropic norm in terms of solutions to overdetermined problems for the Finsler  $p$ -capacity of a convex set  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^N$ , with  $1 < p < N$ . In particular we show that if the Finsler  $p$ -capacitary potential  $u$  associated to  $\Omega$  has two homothetic level sets then  $\Omega$  is Wulff shape. Moreover, we show that the concavity exponent of  $u$  is  $\mathbf{q} = -(p-1)/(N-p)$  if and only if  $\Omega$  is Wulff shape.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

The aim of this paper is to study some unconventional overdetermined problems for the Finsler  $p$ -capacity of a bounded convex set  $\Omega$  associated to a norm  $H$  of  $\mathbb{R}^N$ ,  $N \geq 3$ .

Given a bounded convex domain  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^N$ , the  $p$ -capacity of  $\Omega$  is defined by

$$\text{Cap}_p(\Omega) = \inf \left\{ \frac{1}{p} \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} |D\varphi|^p dx, \varphi \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^N), \varphi(x) \geq 1 \text{ for } x \in \Omega \right\}$$

with  $1 < p < N$ . When the Euclidean norm  $|\cdot|$  is replaced by a more general norm  $H(\cdot)$ , one can consider the so called *Finsler  $p$ -capacity*  $\text{Cap}_{H,p}(\Omega)$ , which is defined by

$$\text{Cap}_{H,p}(\Omega) = \inf \left\{ \frac{1}{p} \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} H^p(D\varphi) dx, \varphi \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^N), \varphi(x) \geq 1 \text{ for } x \in \Omega \right\}, \quad (1.1)$$

for  $1 < p < N$ . Under suitable assumptions on the norm  $H$  and on the set  $\Omega$ , the above infimum is attained and

$$\text{Cap}_{H,p}(\Omega) = \frac{1}{p} \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} H^p(Du_\Omega) dx,$$

where  $u_\Omega$  is the solution of the Finsler  $p$ -capacity problem

$$\begin{cases} \Delta_p^H u = 0 & \text{in } \mathbb{R}^N \setminus \bar{\Omega}, \\ u = 1 & \text{on } \partial\Omega, \\ u \rightarrow 0 & \text{as } H(x) \rightarrow +\infty. \end{cases} \quad (1.2)$$

Here  $\Delta_p^H$  denotes the Finsler  $p$ -Laplace operator, i.e.  $\Delta_p^H u = \text{div}(H^{p-1}(Du)\nabla H(Du))$ . The function  $u_\Omega$  is named (*Finsler  $p$ -capacitary potential* of  $\Omega$ ).

When  $\Omega$  is Wulff shape, i.e. it is a sublevel set of the dual norm  $H_0$

$$\Omega = B_{H_0}(r) = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^N : H_0(x - \bar{x}) < r\}$$

(see Section 2 for definitions), the solution to (1.2) can be explicitly computed and it is given by

$$v_r(x) = \left( \frac{H_0(x - \bar{x})}{r} \right)^{\frac{1}{\mathbf{q}}}, \quad (1.3)$$

with

$$\mathbf{q} = -\frac{p-1}{N-p}. \quad (1.4)$$

It is straightforward to verify that the potential  $v_r$  in (1.3) enjoys the following properties:

- (i) the function  $v_r^{\mathbf{q}}$  is convex, i.e.  $v_r$  is  $\mathbf{q}$ -concave;
- (ii) the superlevel sets of  $v_r$  are homothetic sets and they are Wulff shapes;
- (iii)  $H(Dv_r)$  is constant on the level sets of  $v_r$ .

The aim of this paper is to show that each of the properties (i)-(iii) characterizes the Wulff shape under some regularity assumptions on the norm  $H$  and on  $\Omega$ . In particular, we assume that  $H \in \mathcal{J}_p$  where

$$\mathcal{J}_p = \{H \in C_+^2(\mathbb{R}^N \setminus \{0\}), H^p \in C^{2,1}(\mathbb{R}^N \setminus \{0\})\}. \quad (1.5)$$

Our first main result is related to property (i) and it is about concavity properties of the solution to (1.2). We recall that a nonnegative function  $v$  with convex support is  $\alpha$ -concave, for some  $\alpha \in [-\infty, +\infty]$ , if

- $v$  is a positive constant in its support set, in case  $\alpha = +\infty$ ;
- $v^\alpha$  is concave, in case  $\alpha > 0$ ;
- $\log v$  is concave, in case  $\alpha = 0$  (and  $v$  is called *log-concave*);
- $v^\alpha$  is convex, in case  $\alpha < 0$ ;
- all its super level sets  $\{v > t\}$  are convex, in case  $\alpha = -\infty$  (and  $v$  is called *quasi-concave*).

Notice that if  $v$  is  $\alpha$ -concave for some  $\alpha > -\infty$ , then it is  $\beta$ -concave for every  $\beta \in [-\infty, \alpha]$ . Then quasi-concavity is the weakest among concavity properties.

Concavity properties of solutions to elliptic and parabolic equations are a popular field of investigation. Classical results in this framework are for instance the log-concavity of the first Dirichlet eigenfunction of the Laplacian (see [2]), the preservation of concavity by the heat flow (see again [2]), the  $\frac{1}{2}$ -concavity (i.e. the concavity of the square root) of the torsion function (see [16, 6, 7, 14]), the quasi-concavity of the Newton potential and of the  $p$ -capacitary potential (see [10, 15]). The latter results are especially related to the situation we consider in this paper. Indeed, it is proved in [1] (and it can be also obtained with the methods of [3]) that when  $\Omega$  is a convex domain, its  $p$ -capacitary potential  $u_\Omega$  is a *quasi-concave function*, i.e. all its superlevel sets are convex. Moreover, as we have seen, quasi-concavity is the weakest property in this context and one may expect and ask more than this. Then, following [14, 17, 13], it is natural to define the *concavity exponent* associated to the solution to (1.2) as

$$\alpha(\Omega, p) = \sup\{\beta \leq 1 : u_\Omega \text{ is } \beta\text{-concave}\}. \quad (1.6)$$

In the Euclidean case, it was proved in [17] that the concavity exponent attains its maximum when  $\Omega$  is a ball (and only in this case). In the following theorem, we characterize the Wulff shape in terms of property (i) above. More precisely, we generalize the results of [17] to the anisotropic setting and we prove that the exponent  $\mathbf{q}$  characterizes the Wulff shape.

**Theorem 1.1.** *Let  $H$  be a norm of  $\mathbb{R}^N$  in the class (1.5) and let  $\Omega$  be a bounded convex domain of  $\mathbb{R}^N$  of class  $C^2$ . Then*

$$\alpha(\Omega, p) \leq \mathbf{q},$$

with  $\mathbf{q}$  given by (1.4), and equality holds if and only if  $\Omega$  is Wulff shape.

The proof of Theorem 1.1 is based on the Brunn-Minkowski inequality for Finsler  $p$ -capacity, recently proved in [1] (and here recalled in Proposition 2.1), and upon the fact  $u$  can have a level set homothetic to  $\Omega$  if and only if  $\Omega$  is a ball. Clearly this property is related to property (ii) above. And indeed the characterization of the Wulff shape is achieved whenever *just two* superlevel sets of  $u_\Omega$  are homothetic, as expressed in the following theorem.

**Theorem 1.2.** *Let  $H$  be a norm of  $\mathbb{R}^N$  in the class (1.5). Let  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^N$ ,  $N \geq 3$ , be a bounded convex domain with boundary of class  $C_+^2$ . If there exists a solution to (1.2) having two homothetic superlevel sets, then  $\Omega$  is Wulff shape.*

The Euclidean counterpart of Theorem 1.2 was proved in [17]. The proof of Theorem 1.2 in the anisotropic setting passes through the following theorem, which is related to property (iii).

**Theorem 1.3.** *Let  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^N$  be a convex domain containing the origin and with boundary of class  $C^{2,\alpha}$ . Let  $H \in \mathcal{J}_p$  and let  $R > 0$  be such that  $\bar{\Omega} \subset B_{H_0}(R)$ . There exists a solution to*

$$\begin{cases} \Delta_p^H u = 0 & \text{in } B_{H_0}(R) \setminus \bar{\Omega} \\ u = 1 & \text{on } \partial\Omega \\ u = 0 & \text{on } \partial B_{H_0}(R) \\ H(Du) = C & \text{on } \partial B_{H_0}(R), \end{cases} \quad (1.7)$$

for some constant  $C > 0$  if and only if  $\Omega = B_{H_0}(r)$ , with

$$r C = \frac{N-p}{p-1}. \quad (1.8)$$

Since two boundary conditions (Dirichlet and Neumann) are imposed on a prescribed part of the boundary, Theorem 1.3 clearly falls in the realm of *overdetermined problems*: since the domain  $\Omega$  is not prescribed, the unknown of the problem is in fact the couple  $(\Omega, u)$ , and by imposing that  $u$  has some peculiar property (which is not commonly shared by all the solution of the involved PDE), one ask whether this is sufficient to uniquely determine the domain  $\Omega$ . In this sense, also Theorem 1.1 and Theorem 1.2 can be considered as overdetermined problems, since we ask for a solution of a Dirichlet problem satisfying some extra special condition ( $\mathbf{q}$ -concavity or homothety of level sets, respectively).

The paper is organized as follows. In Section 2 we introduce some notation and basic properties of Finsler norms; then we recall some known fact about the Finsler capacity  $\text{Cap}_{H,p}$  of a convex set and, in particular, the Brunn-Minkowski inequality from [1]. Theorems 1.3, 1.2 and 1.1 are proved in Sections 3, 4 and 5, respectively.

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## 2. NOTATIONS

**2.1. Norms of  $\mathbb{R}^N$ .** We consider the space  $\mathbb{R}^N$  endowed with a generic norm  $H : \mathbb{R}^N \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that:

- (i)  $H$  is convex;
- (ii)  $H(\xi) \geq 0$  for  $\xi \in \mathbb{R}^N$  and  $H(\xi) = 0$  if and only if  $\xi = 0$ ;
- (iii)  $H(t\xi) = |t|H(\xi)$  for  $\xi \in \mathbb{R}^N$  and  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Then we identify the dual space of  $\mathbb{R}^N$  with  $\mathbb{R}^N$  itself via the scalar product  $\langle \cdot; \cdot \rangle$ . Accordingly the space  $\mathbb{R}^N$  turns out to be endowed also with the dual norm  $H_0$  given by

$$H_0(x) = \sup_{\xi \neq 0} \frac{\langle x; \xi \rangle}{H(\xi)} \quad \text{for } x \in \mathbb{R}^N. \quad (2.1)$$

We denote by  $B_{H_0}(r)$  the anisotropic ball centered at  $O$  with radius  $r$  in the norm  $H_0$ , i.e.

$$B_{H_0}(r) = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^N : H_0(x) < r\}.$$

Analogously, we define

$$B_H(r) = \{\xi \in \mathbb{R}^N : H(\xi) < r\}.$$

The sets  $B_{H_0}(r)$  and  $B_H(r)$  are called *Wulff shape* of  $H$  and  $H_0$ , respectively; in the special case  $r = 1$  they are indicated by  $B_{H_0}, B_H$ , respectively. Notice that, in the language of the theory of convex bodies,  $H$  is the *support function* of  $B_{H_0}$  and  $H_0$  is in turn the support function of  $B_H$ .

For a regular convex domain  $\Omega$  the Finsler perimeter is defined by

$$P_H(\partial\Omega) = \int_{\partial\Omega} H(\nu) d\sigma,$$

where  $\nu$  is the outer unit normal to  $\partial\Omega$ .

**2.2. Finsler capacity.** For a bounded convex domain  $\Omega$  in  $\mathbb{R}^N$  its *Finsler  $p$ -capacity*, denoted by  $\text{Cap}_{H,p}(\Omega)$ , is defined as follows:

$$\text{Cap}_{H,p}(\Omega) = \inf \left\{ \frac{1}{p} \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} H^p(D\varphi) dx, \varphi \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^N), \varphi(x) \geq 1 \text{ for } x \in \Omega \right\},$$

for  $N \geq 3$  and  $1 < p < N$ . If  $H$  is a norm in the class (1.5), the integral operator is strictly convex and hence (1.1) admits a unique solution  $u_\Omega$ , which satisfies

$$\begin{cases} \Delta_p^H u = 0 & \text{in } \mathbb{R}^N \setminus \overline{\Omega}, \\ u = 1 & \text{on } \partial\Omega, \\ u \rightarrow 0 & \text{as } H(x) \rightarrow +\infty. \end{cases}$$

The function  $u_\Omega$  is called the *Finsler  $p$ -capacitary potential* of  $\Omega$ . As already noticed when  $\Omega$  is a convex set the potential  $u_\Omega$  is at least quasi-concave, that is its superlevel sets are convex sets (see Lemma 4.4 [1]).

In the special case  $\Omega = B_{H_0}(r)$  the capacity potential is easily computed and is given by (1.3), but this is not possible for general convex domain. However, when  $\Omega$  is a convex

set, asymptotic estimates for  $u_\Omega$  are known. In particular, it has recently been proved in [1] the following:

$$\lim_{|x| \rightarrow \infty} u_\Omega(x) H_0(x)^{\frac{N-p}{p-1}} = C \operatorname{Cap}_{H,p}^{\frac{1}{p-1}}(\Omega), \quad (2.2)$$

where  $C = (N-2)P_H^{\frac{1}{p-1}}(\partial B_{H_0})$ . Moreover, one can prove that there exists a positive constant  $\gamma$  such that

$$\gamma^{-1} H(x)^{\frac{1}{q}-1} \leq H(Du(x)) \leq \gamma H(x)^{\frac{1}{q}-1}, \quad (2.3)$$

(see [5], [4]).

The  $p$ -capacity operator satisfies a Brunn-Minkowski inequality. In the Euclidean setting, this was proved in [8], such result has been recently extended to quite general operators in divergence form in [1]. Here, we recall the following from [1].

**Proposition 2.1** ([1]). *Let  $K, D$  be compact convex sets in  $\mathbb{R}^N$  satisfying*

$$\operatorname{Cap}_{H,p}(K), \operatorname{Cap}_{H,p}(D) > 0.$$

For  $1 < p < N$  and  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$  it holds

$$\operatorname{Cap}_{H,p}^{\frac{1}{N-p}}((1-\lambda)K + \lambda D) \geq (1-\lambda)\operatorname{Cap}_{H,p}^{\frac{1}{N-p}}(K) + \lambda\operatorname{Cap}_{H,p}^{\frac{1}{N-p}}(D), \quad (2.4)$$

and equality holds if and only if  $K$  and  $D$  are homothetic sets.

### 3. PROOF OF THEOREM 1.3

Let

$$v(x) = \frac{H_0(x)^{\frac{1}{q}} - R^{\frac{1}{q}}}{r^{\frac{1}{q}} - R^{\frac{1}{q}}}, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{O\},$$

with  $r$  and  $\mathbf{q}$  given by (1.8) and (1.4), respectively. When  $\Omega = B_{H_0}(r)$  is Wulff shape of radius  $r$ , a direct check shows that  $v$  is the solution to (1.7).

Now we prove the reverse assertion. Let

$$\tilde{u}(x) = \begin{cases} u(x) & \text{if } x \in \overline{B_{H_0}(R)} \setminus \Omega, \\ v(x) & \text{if } x \in \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \overline{B_{H_0}(R)}. \end{cases}$$

We notice that  $\tilde{u} \in C^1(\mathbb{R}^n \setminus \Omega)$  and it satisfies  $\Delta_p^H \tilde{u} = 0$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n \setminus \overline{\Omega}$  (which follows from the weak formulation of the equation).

Fix any  $t > 1$  and set  $E = B_{H_0}(tR) \setminus \overline{\Omega}$ . For  $\tau \in [0, 1]$ , we define

$$u_\tau = \tau \tilde{u} + (1-\tau)v$$

in  $\overline{E}$ ; notice that  $u_1 = \tilde{u}$  and  $u_0 = v$ .

The function  $\tilde{u} - v$  satisfies an elliptic equation. Indeed, for any  $\phi \in C_0^1(E)$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \int_E H(Du_1)^{p-1} \langle \nabla H(Du_1); D\phi \rangle dx - \int_E H(Du_0)^{p-1} \langle \nabla H(Du_0); D\phi \rangle dx \\ &= \int_E \left\langle \left( \int_0^1 \frac{d}{d\tau} (H(Du_\tau)^{p-1} \nabla H(Du_\tau)) d\tau \right); D\phi \right\rangle dx \\ &= \int_E \mathbf{A}(x) \langle D(\tilde{u} - v); D\phi \rangle dx, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\mathbf{A}(x) = a_{ij}(x)$  is given by

$$\begin{aligned} a_{ij}(x) &= \int_0^1 ((p-1)H(Du_\tau)^{p-2} H_{\xi_j}(Du_\tau) H_{\xi_i}(Du_\tau) + H(Du_\tau)^{p-1} H_{\xi_i \xi_j}(Du_\tau)) d\tau \\ &= \frac{1}{p} \int_0^1 (\nabla^2 H^p(Du_\tau))_{ij} d\tau. \end{aligned}$$

From (2.3) we have that

$$A \leq H(Du) \leq B \quad (3.1)$$

in  $E$  for some constant  $A, B > 0$ . Notice that, since the super level sets of  $u$  are convex sets (see [1]) and those of  $v$  are Wulff shapes centered at the origin, we have

$$\langle Du; \frac{x}{|x|} \rangle \geq \varepsilon > 0, \quad \varepsilon \leq \langle Dv; \frac{x}{|x|} \rangle \leq M, \quad (3.2)$$

in  $E$  for some positive constants  $\varepsilon$  and  $M$ . Hence, we can find  $\tau_0 \in (0, 1)$  such that

$$(1 - \tau_0)|Dv| \leq \tau_0|Du|/2,$$

which implies that  $|Du_\tau| \geq \tau_0|Du|/2$  for every  $\tau \in [\tau_0, 1]$ . From (3.2) and (3.1) we obtain

$$|Du_\tau| \geq \min\left((1 - \tau_0)\varepsilon, \frac{\tau_0}{2}A\right) > 0 \quad \text{in } E,$$

which finally gives that  $a \leq |Du_\tau| \leq b$  in  $E$  for some constants  $a, b > 0$ . Such estimates imply that the operator

$$Lw = \operatorname{div}(\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{x})Dw)$$

is uniformly elliptic. Moreover, since  $H^p \in C^{2,1}(\mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{O\})$ , we also have that  $a_{ij}$  are locally Lipschitz. Hence,  $L$  satisfies the assumptions of Theorem 1.1 in [12] (see also [11]) and we have the analytic continuation for  $\tilde{u} - v$  in  $E$ , whence  $\tilde{u} - v \equiv 0$  in  $E$  which implies that  $u \equiv v$  in  $\overline{B_{H_0}(R)} \setminus \Omega$  and we conclude.

#### 4. PROOF OF THEOREM 1.2

For any  $t \in (0, 1)$  we set  $U(t) = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^N : u(x) \geq t\}$  and let  $u_{U(t)}$  be the  $p$ -capacitary potential of  $U(t)$ . Hence

$$u_{U(t)}(x) = \frac{1}{t}u(x), \quad (4.1)$$

for every  $x \in \mathbb{R}^N \setminus U(t)$ , where  $u$  is the Finsler  $p$ -capacitary potential of  $\Omega$ .

Let  $\mathbf{t}, \mathbf{s} \in (0, 1)$ , with  $\mathbf{t} < \mathbf{s}$ , be the levels of  $u$  such that  $U(\mathbf{t}), U(\mathbf{s})$  are homothetic, that is: there exist  $\xi \in \mathbb{R}^N$  and  $\rho > 1$  such that  $U(\mathbf{t}) = \rho U(\mathbf{s}) + \xi$ . Up to a translation we can assume  $\xi = 0$  and hence

$$u_{U(\mathbf{t})}(x) = u_{U(\mathbf{s})}\left(\frac{x}{\rho}\right). \quad (4.2)$$

*Step 1:*  $\rho^{-\frac{N-p}{p-1}} = \mathbf{t}/\mathbf{s}$ .

From (2.2), (4.1) and (4.2), we have

$$\mathbf{C} \operatorname{Cap}_{\mathbf{H},p}(\Omega)^{\frac{1}{p-1}} = \lim_{|x| \rightarrow \infty} \mathbf{t} u_{U(\mathbf{s})}\left(\frac{x}{\rho}\right) H_0^{\frac{N-p}{p-1}}(x).$$

By using again (2.2) and (4.1), and from the homogeneity of  $H_0$ , we find

$$\mathbf{C} \operatorname{Cap}_{\mathbf{H},p}(\Omega)^{\frac{1}{p-1}} = \frac{\mathbf{t}}{\mathbf{s}} \mathbf{C} \operatorname{Cap}_{\mathbf{H},p}(\Omega)^{\frac{1}{p-1}} \rho^{\frac{N-p}{p-1}}$$

which implies that  $\rho^{-\frac{N-p}{p-1}} = \mathbf{t}/\mathbf{s}$ .

*Step 2:* Let  $r_k = \mathbf{t}^k \mathbf{s}^{1-k}$  for  $k \geq 0$ . Then  $U(r_0) = U(\mathbf{s})$  and  $U(r_k) = \rho^k U(\mathbf{s})$  for  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Indeed notice that for every  $z < \mathbf{t}$  the set  $U(z)$  is homothetic to  $U(z \frac{\mathbf{s}}{\mathbf{t}})$  since by (4.1), (4.2) we have

$$U(z) = \{u(x) \geq z\} = \{u_{U(\mathbf{s})}\left(\frac{x}{\rho}\right) \geq \frac{z}{\mathbf{t}}\} = \{u\left(\frac{x}{\rho}\right) \geq z \frac{\mathbf{s}}{\mathbf{t}}\},$$

that is  $U(z) = \rho U(z \frac{\mathbf{s}}{\mathbf{t}})$ . Hence, recalling that  $U(\mathbf{s}) = U(r_0)$  and that  $r_k = \frac{\mathbf{t}}{\mathbf{s}} r_{k-1}$ , we obtain

$$U(r_k) = \rho^k U(\mathbf{s})$$

for every  $k \geq 0$ .

*Step 3:*  $U(\mathbf{s})$  is Wulff shape.

Let  $x, y \in \partial U(\mathbf{s})$  and define

$$\begin{aligned} x_k &= \rho^k x, \\ y_k &= \rho^k y. \end{aligned}$$

Notice that

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} |x_k| = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} |y_k| = +\infty. \quad (4.3)$$

From *Step 2* the points  $x_k, y_k$  belong to  $\partial U(r_k)$ , so that  $u(x_k) = u(y_k) = r_k$ . From (5.1) and (2.2) we obtain

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} u(x_k) H_0^{\frac{N-p}{p-1}}(x_k) = \mathbf{C} \operatorname{Cap}_{\mathbf{H},p}(\Omega)^{\frac{1}{p-1}} = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} u(y_k) H_0^{\frac{N-p}{p-1}}(y_k),$$

i.e.

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} r_k H_0^{\frac{N-p}{p-1}}(x_k) = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} r_k H_0^{\frac{N-p}{p-1}}(y_k).$$

By recalling the definition of  $x_k$  and  $y_k$  and *Step 1*, we have

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} H_0^{\frac{N-p}{p-1}}(x) = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} H_0^{\frac{N-p}{p-1}}(y),$$

which implies that

$$H_0(x) = H_0(y)$$

for every  $x, y \in \partial U(s)$ , i.e.  $U(s)$  is Wulff shape.

*Conclusion:* from *Step 2.* we obtain that  $U(r_k)$  is Wulff shape for any  $k \geq 0$ , which implies that the super level sets  $U(s)$  are concentric Wulff shapes. In particular there exists  $\beta > 0$  such that  $u = \beta H_0(x)^{1/\mathfrak{q}}$  for any  $x \in \mathbb{R}^N \setminus U(s)$ . From Theorem 1.3 we conclude.

## 5. PROOF OF THEOREM 1.1

Let  $\mathfrak{q}$  be given by (1.4). Notice that for every  $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^N$  and every  $R > 0$ , the concavity exponent of  $B_{H_0}(R, x_0)$  can be explicitly computed thanks to (1.3) and it holds  $\alpha(B_{H_0}(R, x_0), p) = \mathfrak{q}$ .

We are going to prove that if the capacity potential  $u$  of the set  $\Omega$  is  $\mathfrak{q}$ -concave then  $\Omega$  is Wulff shape and this entails the desired result. Indeed if  $u$  is  $q$ -concave, then  $u$  is  $s$ -concave too, for every  $s < q$ .

Assume that the function  $u$  is  $\mathfrak{q}$ -concave. Since  $\mathfrak{q} < 0$ , then  $u^\mathfrak{q}$  is a convex function. We denote by  $V(t)$  the sublevel sets of the function  $u^\mathfrak{q}$ , i.e.  $V(t) = \{u^\mathfrak{q} \leq t\}$ ; the superlevel sets of  $u$  will be denoted by  $U(t)$ . Hence

$$U(t) = V(t^\mathfrak{q}).$$

Since  $u^\mathfrak{q}$  is convex, for every  $t_0, t_1 \in \mathbb{R}$  and every  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$  we have

$$V((1-\lambda)t_0 + \lambda t_1) \supseteq (1-\lambda)V(t_0) + \lambda V(t_1). \quad (5.1)$$

Let  $0 < r < s < 1$ . By choosing  $t_0 = r^\mathfrak{q}$ ,  $t_1 = s^\mathfrak{q}$  and defining

$$t = ((1-\lambda)r^\mathfrak{q} + \lambda s^\mathfrak{q})^{\frac{1}{\mathfrak{q}}}, \quad (5.2)$$

(5.1) can be written as

$$V(t^\mathfrak{q}) \supseteq (1-\lambda)V(r^\mathfrak{q}) + \lambda V(s^\mathfrak{q}),$$

and hence

$$U(t) \supseteq (1-\lambda)U(r) + \lambda U(s).$$

From the monotonicity of the capacity and from Brunn-Minkowski inequality (2.4) it follows

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Cap}_{\mathbb{H},p}(U(t)) &\geq \text{Cap}_{\mathbb{H},p}((1-\lambda)U(r) + \lambda U(s)) \\ &\geq \left( (1-\lambda)\text{Cap}_{\mathbb{H},p}^{\frac{1}{N-p}}(U(r)) + \lambda\text{Cap}_{\mathbb{H},p}^{\frac{1}{N-p}}(U(s)) \right)^{N-p}, \end{aligned} \quad (5.3)$$

and, since for every  $r \in (0, 1)$

$$\text{Cap}_{\mathbb{H},p}(U(r)) = r^{1-p}\text{Cap}_{\mathbb{H},p}(\Omega),$$

inequality (5.3) gives

$$\text{Cap}_{\mathbb{H},p}(\Omega)t^{1-p} \geq \text{Cap}_{\mathbb{H},p}(\Omega) \left( (1-\lambda)r^{\frac{1-p}{N-p}} + \lambda s^{\frac{1-p}{N-p}} \right)^{N-p}. \quad (5.4)$$

The definition of  $t$  in (5.2) implies that the equality case holds in (5.4) and this entails that the equality sign in the Brunn-Minkowski inequality (2.4) is attained. Hence the superlevel set  $U(r)$  is homothetic to  $U(s)$  and Theorem 1.2 yields the conclusion.

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