1107-35-117

Wenxiong Chen, Lorenzo D' Ambrosio and Yan Li* (yali3@mail.yu.edu), 500 West 185th Street, New York, NY 10033. Some Liouville theorems for the fractional Laplacian.

In this paper, we prove the following result. Let α be any real number between 0 and 2. Assume that u is a solution of

$$\begin{cases} (-\Delta)^{\alpha/2} u(x) = 0, & x \in \mathbb{R}^n, \\ \lim_{|x| \to \infty} \frac{u(x)}{|x|^{\gamma}} \ge 0, \end{cases}$$

for some $0 \leq \gamma \leq 1$ and $\gamma < \alpha$. Then u must be constant throughout \mathbb{R}^n .

This is a Liouville Theorem for α -harmonic functions under a much weaker condition.

For this theorem we have two different proofs by using two different methods: One is a direct approach using potential theory. The other is by Fourier analysis as a corollary of the fact that the only α -harmonic functions are affine. (Received January 08, 2015)