Ann. Sc. Norm. Super. Pisa Cl. Sci. (5) Vol. XIV (2015), 1231-1237

A Bernstein-type result for the minimal surface equation

ALBERTO FARINA

Abstract. We prove the following Bernstein-type theorem: if u is an entire solution to the minimal surface equation, such that N - 1 partial derivatives $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x_j}$ are bounded on one side (not necessarily the same), then u is an affine function. Its proof relies *only* on the Harnack inequality on minimal surfaces proved in [4] thus, besides its novelty, our theorem also provides a new and self-contained proof of celebrated results of Moser and of Bombieri and Giusti.

Mathematics Subject Classification (2010): 53A10 (primary); 58JO5, 35J15 (secondary).