## A NOTE ON AXIOMATIC DIRICHLET PROBLEM

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### 1. Introduction

Axiomatic Dirichlet problem was first discussed by M. Brelot in connection with a metrizable compactification of Green space  $\Omega$  and a positive harmonic function h in  $\Omega$ . In his paper [1] the theory was developed under the assumption  $\Omega_h$ , that is, all bounded continuous functions on the boundary are h-resolutive. In our present paper we call a compactification with this property h-resolutive.

This axiomatic treatment of Dirichlet problem yields some complicated situations. For instance, Brelot gave many definitions for the regularity of boundary points, such as strongly h-regular, h-regular, weakly h-regular. A strongly h-regular boundary point is h-regular and weakly h-regular, but an h-regular boundary point is not weakly h-regular in general. It has been asked by M. Brelot [1] and L. Naïm [4] whether the complementary set of all h-regular boundary points is of h-harmonic measure zero (h-négligeable) or not. We can not yet give an answer to this question. However we can prove the following theorem:

**Theorem.** Let  $\hat{\Omega}$  be an arbitrary metrizable h-resolutive compactification of Green space  $\Omega$ . Then there exists a metrizable h-resolutive compactification having  $\hat{\Omega}$  as a quotient space and in which the complementary set of all h-regular and weakly h-regular boundary points is of h-harmonic measure zero.

As a corollary of this theorem we can construct a family of filters  $\{\mathcal{F}_x\}$  converging in  $\hat{\Omega}$  and satisfying axioms

- $A_h$ ) If s is subharmonic in  $\Omega$ , s/h is bounded from above and  $\limsup_{\mathcal{F}} s/h \le 0$  for every  $\mathcal{F}$  in  $\{\mathcal{F}_x\}$ , then  $s \le 0$ .
- $B_{h}'$ ) Every filter in  $\{\mathcal{F}_{x}\}$  is h-regular and weakly h-regular, where the latter is weaker than that of Brelot-Choquet [2].

#### 2. Preliminaries

Let  $\Omega$  be a Green space in the sense of Brelot-Choquet [2]. For a real valued function f defined in  $\Omega$  we shall define a family  $\overline{W}_f(\underline{W}_f)$  of superharmonic (subharmonic) functions s such that  $s \ge f(s \le f)$  on  $\Omega - K$ , where K is a compact

set depending on s in general. If  $\overline{W}_f(\underline{W}_f)$  is not empty its lower (upper) envelope will be denoted by  $\overline{d}_f(\underline{d}_f)$ .  $\overline{d}_f$  and  $\underline{d}_f$  are harmonic and  $\underline{d}_f \leq \overline{d}_f$ . When  $\underline{d}_f = \overline{d}_f$  they are denoted by  $d_f$  simply.

Throughout this paper we shall take a positive harmonic function h in  $\Omega$  and fix it.

DEFINITION 1. A function f defined in  $\Omega$  is h-harmonizable if the following conditions are satisfied:

- 1) there exists a superharmonic function s such that  $|fh| \le s$ ,
- $2) \quad \underline{d}_{fh} = d_{fh}$

If f is h-harmonizable and  $d_{fh}=0$  then f is termed an h-Wiener potential, and the class of all h-Wiener potentials is denoted by  $W_{0,h^{1}}$ .

# **Proposition 2.1.** Every $f \in W_{0,h}$ has a potential p such that $|fh| \le p$ .

Let  $\hat{\Omega}$  be a compactification of  $\Omega$ , that is  $\hat{\Omega}$  is compact and contains  $\Omega$  as an everywhere dense subspace. Set  $\Delta = \hat{\Omega} - \Omega$ . In this paper it is always assumed that  $\hat{\Omega}$  is *metrizable*.

For an arbitrary real valued function  $\varphi$  on  $\Delta$ , which is permitted to take the values  $\pm \infty$ ,  $\overline{\mathcal{F}}_{\varphi,h}$  denotes the class of all superharmonic functions s such that

- a) s/h is bounded from below,
- b)  $\lim_{a\to x} s(a)/h(a) \ge \varphi(x)$  for every  $x \in \Delta$ .

Similarly we define the class of subharmonic functions  $\underline{\mathcal{G}}_{\varphi,h}$ . When  $\overline{\mathcal{G}}_{\varphi,h}$ ,  $\underline{\mathcal{G}}_{\varphi,h}$  are not empty, we set

$$\overline{\mathcal{D}}_{\varphi,h} = \inf \left\{ s; s \in \overline{\mathcal{G}}_{\varphi,h} \right\}, 
\underline{\mathcal{Q}}_{\varphi,h} = \sup \left\{ s; s \in \underline{\mathcal{G}}_{\varphi,h} \right\}.$$

 $\underline{\mathcal{D}}_{\varphi,h}$  and  $\overline{\mathcal{D}}_{\varphi,h}$  are both harmonic and  $\underline{\mathcal{D}}_{\varphi,h} \leq \overline{\mathcal{D}}_{\varphi,h}$ . When  $\underline{\mathcal{D}}_{\varphi,h} = \overline{\mathcal{D}}_{\varphi,h}$ ,  $\varphi$  is called *h-resolutive* and the envelopes are denoted by  $\mathcal{D}_{\varphi,h}$  simply.

Definition 2. If all bounded continuous functions on  $\Delta$  are h-resolutive,  $\hat{\Omega}$  is called an h-resolutive compactification of  $\Omega$ .

In the sequel,  $\hat{\Omega}$  always denotes a metrizable h-resolutive compactification of  $\Omega$ . Then, for  $a \in \Omega$  there exists a Radon measure  $\omega_h^a$  on  $\Delta$  such that

$$\mathscr{D}_{\varphi,h} = \int \varphi \, d\omega_h^a \quad \text{for every} \quad \varphi \in C(\Delta)^{2}$$
.

 $\omega_h^a$  is called an h-harmonic measure (with respect to a).

<sup>1)</sup> In the case that h=1 and  $\Omega$  is a hyperbolic Riemann surface, this definition is slightly different from [3].

<sup>2)</sup>  $C(\Delta)$  denotes the family of all bounded continuous functions on  $\Delta$ .

**Proposition 2.2.** Let F be bounded and continuous on  $\hat{\Omega}$  and  $\varphi$ , f be its restrictions on  $\Delta$  and on  $\Omega$  respectively, then f is h-harmonizable and  $d_{fh} = \mathcal{Q}_{\varphi,h}$ .

**Proposition 2.3.** In order that an arbitrary compactification  $\overline{\Omega}$  of  $\Omega$  be h-resolutive, it is necessary and sufficient that for every bounded continuous function F on  $\overline{\Omega}$ , its restriction on  $\Omega$  is h-harmonizable.

DEFINITION 3. For potential p we set

$$\begin{split} &\Gamma_{p,h} = \{x \in \Delta; \lim_{a \to x} p(a)/h(a) = 0\}, \\ &\Gamma_h = \bigcap_p \Gamma_{p,h}. \end{split}$$

 $\Gamma_h$  is called an *h-harmonic boundary*.  $\Gamma_h$  is non-empty and compact.

**Proposition 2.4.** If s is subharmonic in  $\Omega$  such that s/h is bounded from above and  $\overline{\lim} s(a)/h(a) \le 0$  for all  $x \in \Gamma_h$  then  $s \le 0$ .

**Proposition 2.5.** Let F be a bounded continuous function on  $\hat{\Omega}$ . The restriction of F on  $\Omega$  is an h-Wiener potential if and only if F vanishes on  $\Gamma_h$ .

**Proposition 2.6.**  $\Gamma_h$  is the carrier of h-harmonic measure  $\omega_h$ .

In the case that h=1 and  $\Omega$  is a hyperbolic Riemann surface, Constantinescu-Cornea [3] have given these propositions. Proofs of our propositions will be obtained from them with slight modifications.

### 3. Q-compactification of Green space

1. Let h be a positive harmonic function on Green space  $\Omega$  and  $\hat{\Omega}$  be an arbitrary metrizable, h-resolutive compactification of  $\Omega$ . Set  $\Delta = \hat{\Omega} - \Omega$ .

For  $F \in C(\hat{\Omega})$ , its restrictions on  $\Omega$  and on  $\Delta$  are denoted by  $F|_{\Omega}$  and  $F|_{\Delta}$  respectively.

We set 
$$Q_0' = \{F|_{\Omega}; F \in C(\hat{\Omega})\}, \quad Q_0'' = \{d_{fh}/h; f \in Q_0'\}$$
 and 
$$Q_0 = Q_0' \cup Q_0'' \cup \left\{A \frac{\min(G_{a_0}, h)}{h} + B\right\},$$

where  $G_{a_0}$  is a Green function of  $\Omega$  with pole at  $a_0$  and A, B are constants. The compactification  $\Omega^{Q_0}$  of  $\Omega$  is the one on which all functions of  $Q_0$  are extended continuously and the boundary  $\Delta^{Q_0} = \Omega^{Q_0} - \Omega$  is separated by functions in  $Q_0^{(3)}$ . We have

**Proposition 3.1.**  $\Omega^{Q_0}$  is a metrizable h-resolutive compactification of  $\Omega$ .

<sup>3)</sup> We say functions in  $Q_0$  separate points of  $\Delta^{Q_0}$  if for every pair of distinct points x, y of  $\Delta^{Q_0}$  there exists a function F in  $Q_0$  such that  $F(x) \pm F(y)$ .

 $\hat{\Omega}$  is a quotient space of  $\Omega^{Q_0}$ .

To prove this proposition, we require some lemmas.

In  $C(\hat{\Omega})$  we select a countable subfamily  $\{F_k\}$  which is dense in the topology of uniform norm  $(||F|| = \sup |F(a)|)$ .

If we set  $f_k = F_k|_{\Omega}$ ,  $f_k$  is h-harmonizable (Prop. 2.2). We form the family of a countable number of functions

$$Q = \{f_{\it k}\} \cup \{d_{f\it k}/h\} \cup \left\{\frac{\min{(G_{a_0}, h)}}{h}\right\}$$
 ,

which is a subfamily of  $Q_0$ .

The Q-compactification  $\Omega^Q$  of  $\Omega$  is compact and contains  $\Omega$  as an everywhere dense subspace. Functions in Q are extended continuously on  $\Omega^Q$  and separate two distinct points of  $\Delta^Q = \Omega^Q - \Omega$ .

Theory of general topology tells us  $\Omega^Q$  is metrizable (for instance, N. Bourbaki: Topologie générale, Chap. IX, §2).

**Lemma 3.1.** For every  $F \in C(\hat{\Omega})$ , if we set  $f = F|_{\Omega}$ , then f and  $d_{fh}/h$  are extended continuously on  $\Omega^{Q}$ .

Proof. (i) Case of f. It will be sufficient to show that for every  $x \in \Delta^Q$  and for every sequence of points  $\{a_n\}$  in  $\Omega$  converging to x in the topology of  $\Omega^Q$   $\{f(a_n)\}$  has the unique limit. If it were not, there should exist two sequences  $\{a_n\}$ ,  $\{b_n\}$  in  $\Omega$  such that  $a_n \to x$ ,  $b_n \to x$  (in the topology of  $\Omega^Q$ ) and  $\alpha = \lim_{n \to \infty} f(a_n) > \lim_{n \to \infty} f(b_n) = \beta$ .

We take a positive number  $\mathcal{E}=(\alpha-\beta)/4$ . For this  $\mathcal{E}$  and  $F\in C(\hat{\Omega})$  we can find  $F_k$  in our countable family such that

$$\sup_{\hat{\Omega}} |F_{k} - F| \leq \varepsilon.$$

Then we have

$$\alpha = \lim_{n \to \infty} f(a_n) \le \overline{\lim}_{n \to \infty} f_k(a_n) + \varepsilon$$
,

$$\lim_{n\to\infty} f_{k}(b_{n}) - \varepsilon \leq \lim_{n\to\infty} f(b_{n}) = \beta.$$

where  $f_k = F_k|_{\Omega}$ . Since  $f_k$  is extended continuously on  $\Omega^Q$ ,

$$\alpha - \varepsilon \leq \lim_{n \to \infty} f_k(a_n) = \lim_{n \to \infty} f_k(b_n) \leq \beta + \varepsilon$$
,

this leads to a contradiction  $4\varepsilon = \alpha - \beta \le 2\varepsilon$ .

(ii) Case of  $d_{fh}/h$ . We take  $f_k$  as above. Then we have

$$\frac{d_{f_kh}}{h} - \varepsilon \leq \frac{d_{fh}}{h} \leq \frac{d_{f_kh}}{h} + \varepsilon$$

and we can proceed quite in the same way as in (i).

**Lemma 3.2.** Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be a class of all functions F' each of which is bounded and continuous on  $\Omega^{Q_0}$  and its restriction on  $\Omega$  is h-harmonizable. Then  $\mathcal{H}$  is dense in  $C(\Omega^{Q_0})$  in the topology of uniform norm in  $\Omega^{Q_0}$ .

Proof. Clearly  $\mathcal H$  contains all constant functions and  $\mathcal H$  is a linear space. All functions in  $Q_0$ , are extended continuously on  $\Omega^{Q_0}$  and these extended functions are contained in  $\mathcal H$ , therefore  $\Omega^{Q_0}$  is separated by functions in  $\mathcal H$ . To see  $\mathcal H$  is closed under the maximum and minimum operations, that is  $F_1'$ ,  $F_2' \in \mathcal H$  implies  $\max{(F_1', F_2')}$ ,  $\min{(F_1', F_2')} \in \mathcal H$ , let  $F_1'$ ,  $F_2' \in \mathcal H$  and  $f_i = F_i' \mid_{\Omega} (i = 1, 2)$ .  $\min{(F_1', F_2') \mid_{\Omega} = \min{(f_1, f_2)}}$  and  $d_{\min{(f_1, f_2)}} = d_{\min{(f_1, f_2)}} = d_{f_1 h} \wedge d_{f_2 h}$ , where  $u \wedge v$  denotes the greatest harmonic function which is dominated by u and v. This means  $\min{(f_1, f_2)}$  is h-harmonizable. By Stone's theorem<sup>4</sup>)  $\mathcal H$  is dense in  $C(\Omega^{Q_0})$ .

Proof of Proposition 3.1. On account of Lemma 3.1 all functions of  $Q_0$  are extended continuously on  $\Omega^Q$ . Thus  $\Omega^{Q_0}$  is homeomorphic to  $\Omega^Q$  and therefore  $\Omega^{Q_0}$  is metrizable. Since  $\hat{\Omega}$  is homeomorphic to  $\Omega^{Q_0'}$ ,  $\hat{\Omega}$  is a quotient space of  $\Omega^{Q_0}$ . For arbitrary  $F' \in C(\Omega^{Q_0})$  and any positive number  $\mathcal{E}$ , by Lemma 3.2 we can find  $F_0' \in \mathcal{H}$  such that

$$\sup_{\Omega^{Q_0}} |F' - F_0'| \leq \varepsilon.$$

Setting  $f = F'|_{\Omega}$ ,  $f_0 = F_0'|_{\Omega}$  we have

$$\underline{d}_{f_0h} - \varepsilon h \leq \underline{d}_{fh} \leq \overline{d}_{fh} \leq \overline{d}_{f_0h} + \varepsilon h$$
 .

Since  $f_0$  is h-harmonizable we get  $0 \le \bar{d}_{fh} - d_{fh} \le 2\varepsilon h$ . f is h-harmonizable, and by Proposition 2.3  $\Omega^{Q_0}$  is h-resolutive.

2. For an arbitrary metrizable h-resolutive compactification  $\hat{\Omega}$  of  $\Omega$  we have constructed  $\Omega^{Q_0}$  of the same type which contains  $\hat{\Omega}$  as a quotient space. If we start from  $\Omega^{Q_0}$  it will be expected that we can arrive at a new larger compactification of the same type, but this is not so, that is

**Proposition 3.2.** Let  $\Omega^{Q_0}$  be the compactification of  $\Omega$  constructed in the above paragraph. If we set  $Q_1' = \{f = F \mid_{\Omega}; F \in C(\Omega^{Q_0})\}, \ Q_1'' = \{\frac{d_{fh}}{h}; f \in Q_1'\}$  and  $Q_1 = Q_1' \cup Q_1''$  the compactification  $\Omega^{Q_1}$  is homeomorphic to  $\Omega^{Q_0}$ .

Before proving this propostition we remark the following:

**Lemma 3.3.** For every  $f \in Q_1'$ , and for every positive number  $\varepsilon$  there exists  $g \in Q_0'$  such that

$$\sup_{\Omega} \left| \frac{d_{fh}}{h} - \frac{d_{gh}}{h} \right| \leq \varepsilon.$$

<sup>4)</sup> Cf. [3], p. 5.

Proof. For arbitrary distinct points  $x_1$ ,  $x_2$  in  $\Omega^{Q_0}$  and for any numbers  $\alpha_1$ ,  $\alpha_2$  there exists a function  $\lambda \in C(\Omega^{Q_0})$  which satisfies the following conditions:

1) 
$$\lambda \mid_{\Omega} \in Q_0$$
.

2) 
$$\lambda(x_i) = \alpha_i \quad (i=1,2)$$
.

Since continuous extensions of functions in  $Q_0$  separate points of  $\Omega^{Q_0}$  we can find  $l \in C(\Omega^{Q_0})$  with  $l(x_1) \neq l(x_2)$  among these extensions. Thus, either (i)  $l|_{\Omega} = f \in Q_0$  or (ii)  $l|_{\Omega} = d_{fh}/h$  for some  $f \in Q_0$  or (iii)  $l|_{\Omega} = A \frac{\min{(G_{a_0}, h)}}{h} + B$ . In cases (i) and (iii) we have

$$\lambda(x) = \frac{\alpha_1 - \alpha_2}{l(x_1) - l(x_2)} l(x) - \frac{\alpha_1 l(x_2) - \alpha_2 l(x_1)}{l(x_1) - l(x_2)},$$

in the case (ii) we take, as  $\lambda$ , the continuous extension on  $\Omega^{Q_0}$  of  $d_{f_0h}/h$ , where

$$f_0 = \frac{\alpha_1 - \alpha_2}{l(x_1) - l(x_2)} f - \frac{\alpha_1 l(x_2) - \alpha_2 l(x_1)}{l(x_1) - l(x_2)} \in Q_0'.$$

Let  $F \in C(\Omega^{Q_0})$ ,  $f = F|_{\Omega}$ ,  $\varepsilon > 0$ . For arbitrary x,  $y \in \Omega^{Q_0}$  we can take  $\lambda_{xy} \in C(\Omega^{Q_0})$  satisfying the following:

1) 
$$\lambda_{xy}|_{\Omega} \in Q_0$$
.

2) 
$$\lambda_{rv}(x) = F(x)$$
,  $\lambda_{rv}(y) = F(y)$ .

 $U_{xy} = \{z \in \Omega^{Q_0}; \ \lambda_{xy}(z) < F(z) + \varepsilon\}$  is open and contains x, y. From an open covering  $\{U_{xy}; y \in \Omega^{Q_0}\}$  of  $\Omega^{Q_0}$  we select a finite subcovering  $\{U_{xy_j}; j=1, 2, \cdots, n\}$ . Set

$$u_x = \min_{1 \leq j \leq n} \lambda_{xy_j},$$

where  $\lambda_{xy_j}$  is a function corresponding to  $U_{xy_j}$   $(j=1,2,\cdots,n)$ .  $u_x < F + \varepsilon$  on  $\Omega^{Q_0}$  and  $u_x(x) = F(x)$ . Then, there exists a function  $g_0$  of  $Q_0$  such that  $d_{u_xh} = d_{g_0h}$ . In fact, let  $\lambda_{xy_j}|_{\Omega}$  be  $f_1, f_2, \cdots, f_k$ ;  $\frac{d_{f_{k+1}h}}{h}, \frac{d_{f_{k+2}h}}{h}, \cdots, \frac{d_{f_{k+l}h}}{h}$ ;  $A_{k+l+1} = \frac{\min{(G_{a_0}, h)}}{h} + B_{k+l+1}, \cdots, A_n = \frac{\min{(G_{a_0}, h)}}{h} + B_n$ , then

$$d_{u_{xh}} = d(\min_{1 \le j \le n} \lambda_{xy_j} h) = \bigwedge_{j=1}^n d_{\lambda xy_{jh}} = (\bigwedge_{j=1}^k d_{f_{jh}}) \wedge (\bigwedge_{j=k+1}^{k+l} d_{f_{ih}}) \wedge (\min_{k+l+1 \le j \le n} B_j) h$$

$$= (\bigwedge_{j=1}^{n+l} d_{f_{jh}}) \wedge (\bigwedge_{j=k+l+1}^n d_{B_{jh}}) = d_{g_{0h}},$$

where  $g_0 = \min(\min_{1 \le j \le k+l} f_j, \min_{k+l+1 \le j \le n} B_j) \in Q_0'$ . Since  $U_x = \{z \in \Omega^{Q_0}; u_x(z) > F(z) - \varepsilon\}$  is open and contains x, we can form a finite subcovering  $\{U_{x_j}; j = 1, 2, \cdots, l'\}$  of  $\Omega^{Q_0}$ . Setting  $v = \max_{1 \le j \le l'} u_{x_j}$ , where  $u_{x_j}$  is a function corresponding to  $U_{x_j}$  ( $j = 1, 2, \cdots, l'$ ), we have  $|u - F| < \varepsilon$  on  $\Omega^{Q_0}$  and as above we can find  $g \in Q_0'$  such that  $d_{vk} = d_{gk}$ .

$$d_{vh}$$
 $-\varepsilon h \leq d_{fh} \leq d_{vh} + \varepsilon h$ 

means 
$$\left| \frac{d_{\mathit{Ih}} - d_{\mathit{gh}}}{h} \right| = \left| \frac{d_{\mathit{Ih}} - d_{\mathit{vh}}}{h} \right| \leq \varepsilon$$
, q.e.d.

Proof of Proposition 3.2. Since all functions of  $Q_0''$  are extended continuously on  $\Omega^{Q_0}$  we have  $Q_0'' \subset Q_1'$ . The closure  $\overline{Q_0''}$  of  $Q_0''$  in the topology of uniform norm ( $||f|| = \sup_{\Omega} |f|$ ) is contained in  $Q_1'$ . On the other hand, above lemma tells us  $Q_1'' \subset \overline{Q_0''}$ . We have thus  $Q_1'' = \overline{Q_0''} \subset Q_1'$  which implies  $Q_1 = Q_1'$  and the proposition follows.

# 4. Regularity of boundary points

Let  $\hat{\Omega}$  be an arbitrary metrizable h-resolutive compactification of  $\Omega$ , and  $\Delta = \hat{\Omega} - \Omega$ .

In this section we give a proof of theorem stated in the introduction. For definiteness we recall the definition of regularity of boundary points.

DEFINITION 4. A filter  $\mathcal{F}$  on  $\Omega$  converging to a boundary point x is called strongly h-regular if there exists an open neighbourhood  $\delta$  of x and a positive superharmonic function s in  $\delta \cap \Omega$  such that  $s/h \to 0$  and the infimum of s/h outside of arbitrary open neighbourhood of x contained in  $\delta$  is positive.

A filter  $\mathcal{F}$  on  $\Omega$  converging to a boundary point x is called h-regular if for every bounded continuous function  $\varphi$  on  $\Delta$  we have  $\frac{1}{h}\mathcal{D}_{\varphi,h}\underset{\mathcal{F}}{\longrightarrow} \varphi(x)$ .

A filter  $\mathcal{F}$  on  $\Omega$  converging to a boundary point x is called weakly h-regular if there exists a positive superharmonic function s such that  $s/h \underset{CH}{\longrightarrow} 0$ .

A boundary point x is called *strongly h-regular*, *h-regular* and *weakly h-regular* according as the filter formed by the trace on  $\Omega$  of filter of neighbourhoods of x is strongly *h*-regular, *h*-regular and weakly *h*-regular respectively.

It is known that a strongly h-regular filter is h-regular and weakly h-regular. However an example of one-point compactification of  $\Omega$  shows us that an h-regular filter is not necessarily weakly h-regular.

Since by Proposition 2.6  $\Delta^{Q_0} - \Gamma_h^{Q_0}$  is of h-harmonic measure zero, to prove our theorem it will be sufficient to show the following proposition:

**Proposition 4.1.** Let  $\Omega^{Q_0}$  be the compactification constructed in the preceding section and let  $\Delta^{Q_0} = \Omega^{Q_0} - \Omega$ . Every point of the h-harmonic boundary  $\Gamma_h^{Q_0}$  of  $\Delta^{Q_0}$  is h-regular and weakly h-regular.

Proof. We use the same notations as in the preceding section. Let  $x \in \Gamma_{h^0}^{Q_0}$  and  $\varphi \in C(\Delta^{Q_0})$ . Let F be a bounded continuous extension of  $\varphi$  on  $\Omega^{Q_0}$  and set  $f = F|_{\Omega}$ .

Since  $f \in Q_1$ ', and  $d_{fh}/h \in Q_1$ ", f and  $d_{fh}/h$  can be extended continuously onto  $\Omega^{Q_1}$ . By Proposition 3.2  $\Omega^{Q_1}$  is homeomorphic to  $\Omega^{Q_0}$ , therefore f and  $d_{fh}/h$  are extended continuously onto  $\Omega^{Q_0}$ . This is also ture for  $g=f-d_{fh}/h$ . Since  $d_{gh}=0$ , g is an h-Wiener potential and by Proposition 2.1 there exists potential p such that  $|gh| \le p$ . For an arbitrary sequence of points  $\{a_n\}$  in  $\Omega$  converging to x we have

$$\lim_{n\to\infty} |g(a_n)| \leq \lim_{n\to\infty} \frac{p(a_n)}{h(a_n)} = 0.$$

Hence

$$\lim_{n\to\infty}\left[f(a_n)-\frac{d_{fh}(a_n)}{h(a_n)}\right]=0,$$

which means  $\lim_{a\to x} \frac{\mathcal{D}_{\varphi,h}(a)}{h(a)} = \varphi(x)$ . Thus, all points of  $\Gamma_h^{Q_0}$  are h-regular.

Since  $\min(G_{a_0}, h)/h$  is extended continuously on  $\Omega^{Q_0}$ , this function assumes the value zero on  $\Gamma_h^{Q_0}$ , therefore all points of  $\Gamma_h^{Q_0}$  are weakly h-regular, q.e.d.

If we take at every point  $x \in \Gamma_h^{Q_0}$  the filter formed by the trace on  $\Omega$  of neighbourhoods of x in  $\Omega^{Q_0}$ , we obtain the family  $\{\mathcal{F}_x\}$  of filters converging in  $\Omega$  and satisfying the following axioms:

 $A_h$ ) If s is subharmonic in  $\Omega$ , s/h is bounded from above and  $\limsup_{\mathcal{F}} s/h \le 0$  for every  $\mathcal{F}$  in  $\{\mathcal{F}_x\}$ , then  $s \le 0$ .

 $B_{h}'$ ) Every filters in  $\{\mathcal{F}_{x}\}$  is h-regular and weakly h-regular.

Indeed,  $A_h$ ) follows from Proposition 2.4 and  $B_h'$ ) is a consequence of the above proposition.

The second axiom  $B_{h}$ ) is weaker than the following axiom of Brelot-Choquet [2]:

 $B_h$ ) Every filter in  $\{\mathcal{F}_x\}$  is strongly h-regular.

Thus, we have

**Proposition 4.2.** Let  $\hat{\Omega}$  be an arbitrary metrizable h-resolutive compactification of  $\Omega$ . Then, there exists a family of filters in  $\Omega$  converging in  $\hat{\Omega}$  and satisfying the axiom  $A_h$ ,  $B_h$ .

L. Naïm gave a family of filters satisfying the axiom  $A_h$ ,  $B_h$ ) by using fine neighbourhoods on Martin space. Our filter is quite different from it.

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