

# SOME PROPERTIES OF FUNCTIONS SATISFYING PARTIAL DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS OF ELLIPTIC TYPE

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**1. Introduction.** In the Weierstrass-Hadamard approach to the theory of analytic functions of one complex variable we study the properties of an analytic function  $f(z)$  from the coefficients of the function elements of  $f(z)$ . The results may also be formulated as relations between the properties of harmonic functions  $h(x, y)$  of two real variables and the coefficients  $a_{mn}$  of the series development  $h(x, y) = \sum a_{mn}x^m y^n$ . The similarity between the properties of harmonic functions and those satisfying partial differential equations

$$(1.1) \quad \mathbf{L}(U) = U_{z^*z^*} + aU_z + bU_{z^*} + cU = 0,$$

where  $a, b, c$  are analytic functions of  $z = x + iy$  and  $z^* = x - iy$  and  $U_{z^*z^*} = \partial^2 U / \partial z \partial z^*$ ,  $U_z = \partial U / \partial z$ ,  $U_{z^*} = \partial U / \partial z^*$ , suggests that we may apply the methods of the theory of functions of a complex variable to the study of functions  $U$  satisfying (1.1). For this purpose Bergman [4], [5] has introduced operators in the space of functions

$$(1.2) \quad U = P(f) = \int_{-1}^{+1} E(z, z^*, t) f(\frac{1}{2}z[1 - t^2])[1 - t^2]^{-\frac{1}{2}} dt$$

which transforms the class **A** of analytic functions of one complex variable into a certain class of functions **C**( $E$ ). He has proved that

(1°) if  $E$  is a solution of the equation

$$(1.3) \quad \begin{aligned} G(E) &= (1 - t^2)(E_{z^*z^*} + aE_z) \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{t}(E_{z^*} + aE) + 2zt(E_{zz^*} + aE_z + bE_{z^*} + cE) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

which satisfies certain conditions, then every function  $U$  of the class **C**( $E$ ) will be a particular solution of  $\mathbf{L}(U) = 0$  and that there always exist solutions  $E$  satisfying the mentioned conditions;

(2°) it is possible to determine two functions, say  $E_1$  and  $E_2$ , so that the totality of functions  $U_1 + U_2$ ,  $U_1 \in \mathbf{C}(E_1)$ ,  $U_2 \in \mathbf{C}^\Delta(E_2)$  represents the totality of solutions of  $\mathbf{L}(U) = 0$ , see [4], [5].  $\mathbf{C}^\Delta$  is an analogous class of functions, the  $f$  (see (1.2)) being an analytic function of  $\frac{1}{2}z^*(1 - t^2)$ .

The equation (1.1) is equivalent to a system of two equations. If  $a = b^*$  and  $c$  is real then these equations are independent of each other and it is only necessary to take the real part of (1.2), see [1; 540], [7]. Thus the study of various ques-

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