

THE ROLES OF NONDENSITY POINTS

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Consider a density P on a hyperbolic Riemann surface R , i.e. a nonnegative locally Hölder continuous second order differential $P = P(z)dxdy$ ($z = x + iy$) on R . A point z^* on the Royden harmonic boundary Δ of R is said to be a *Green energy nondensity* point of P if there exists an open neighborhood U^* of z^* in the Royden compactification R^* of R such that

$$(1) \quad \int_{(U^* \cap R) \times (U^* \cap R)} G(z, \zeta)P(z)P(\zeta) dx dy d\xi d\eta < \infty,$$

where $G(z, \zeta)$ is the harmonic Green's function on R . If the condition

$$(2) \quad \int_{U^* \cap R} P(z) dx dy < \infty$$

holds, then z^* is called a *nondensity* point of P . The set of Green energy nondensity points of P is denoted by Δ_P and the nondensity points of P by Δ^P . The set Δ_P (Δ^P , resp.) was introduced in [4] ([1], resp.) for the purpose of studying the space $PD(R)$ ($PE(R)$, resp.) of solutions of the equation $\Delta u = Pu$ with finite Dirichlet integrals

$$D_R(u) = \int_R |\nabla u|^2 dx dy < \infty$$

(finite energy integrals

$$E_R(u) = D_R(u) + \int_R u^2 P < \infty,$$

resp.) The subspaces $PBD(R)$, $PBE(R)$ of bounded functions in $PD(R)$, $PE(R)$ are especially suited for study in terms of their behavior on Δ_P , Δ^P (cf. [2], [1]). For this reason it is natural to ask the

QUESTION. Do the sets Δ_P , Δ^P characterize the spaces $PBD(R)$, $PBE(R)$?

More precisely, let Q be another density on R . We shall discuss whether $\Delta_P = \Delta_Q$ ($\Delta^P = \Delta^Q$, resp.) is equivalent to the existence of a canonical isomorphism S between $PBD(R)$ and $QBD(R)$ ($PBE(R)$ and $QBE(R)$, resp.). Here a vector space isomorphism Ψ between $PBX(R)$ and $QBX(R)$ is called *canonical* if for every $u \in PBX(R)$ there is a potential p_u on R such that $|u - \Psi u| \leq p_u$, $X = D, E$, (cf. [5]). The main conclusion of this paper is that the answer to this question is in general in the negative.

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