

Notes on Green lines

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1. Introduction

Let R be a hyperbolic Riemann surface and $g(z) = g(z, z_0)$ be the Green function on R with a fixed pole z_0 in R . For the following definitions and properties of Green lines and compactifications of R , we refer to Sario-Nakai [7] and Constantinescu-Cornea [2] respectively. We consider the Green lines issuing from the fixed point z_0 . The set L of all Green lines admits the Green measure m . A Green line l for which $\inf_{z \in l} g(z) = 0$ is called a regular Green line. Any regular Green line tends to the ideal boundary of R as $g(z) \rightarrow 0$. The set of all regular Green lines is denoted by L_r . It is known (Brelot-Choquet [1]) that $m(L - L_r) = 0$.

Let R^* be a resolutive compactification of R and μ_z be the harmonic measure on the ideal boundary $\Delta = R^* - R$ with respect to $z \in R$. We are interested in the behavior of $l \in L_r$ in R^* . We set $e(l) = \bar{l} - l \cup \{z_0\}$ with \bar{l} the closure of l in R^* . We call $e(l)$ the end part of l in R^* . Given a subset $S \subset \Delta$ we write $\check{S} = \{l \in L_r | e(l) \cap S \neq \emptyset\}$ and $\check{\check{S}} = \{l \in L_r | e(l) \subset S\}$. Let $C(\Delta)$ be the set of all bounded continuous functions on Δ . We set $C_D(\Delta) = \{f \in C(\Delta) | H_f^{R, R^*} \in HD(R)\}$. If $C_D(\Delta)$ is dense in $C(\Delta)$ with respect to the uniform convergence topology, then R^* is said to be a regular compactification of R (Maeda [4]).

In this paper we shall prove the following theorems:

THEOREM 1. *Let R^* be a resolutive compactification of R . For every compact set K (resp. open set U) in Δ ,*

$$\bar{m}(\check{K}) \leq \mu_{z_0}(K), \quad \underline{m}(\check{U}) \geq \mu_{z_0}(U),$$

where \bar{m} and \underline{m} are the outer and inner measures induced by m . For every Baire set S in Δ , $\bar{m}(\check{S}) \leq \mu_{z_0}(S) \leq \underline{m}(\check{S})$.

COROLLARY 1. *Let R^* be resolutive. If R^* is metrizable, then for every Borel set S in Δ , $\bar{m}(\check{S}) \leq \mu_{z_0}(S) \leq \underline{m}(\check{S})$.*

COROLLARY 2. (i) *Let R^* be resolutive and Γ be the harmonic boundary of R^* . If R^* is metrizable, then $m(\check{\Gamma}) = 1$.*

(ii) *Let R_M^* be the Martin compactification of R and Δ_1 be the set of all minimal points of $\Delta_M = R_M^* - R$. Then $m(\check{\Delta}_1) = 1$.*