

## SOME REMARKS ON ANALYTIC CONTINUATIONS

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1. The purpose of the present paper is to prove some theorems concerning continuations of analytic functions across simple open arcs. Here, a simple open arc means a topological image of the open interval  $\{t; 0 < t < 1\}$ .

Let  $D_1$  and  $D_2$  be Jordan domains in the  $z$ -plane having no point in common and  $I$  be a simple open arc lying on the non-empty common boundary of  $D_1$  and  $D_2$ . Then there arises the following

PROBLEM. Given two analytic functions  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  in  $D_1$  and  $D_2$  respectively, we set  $f = f_1$  in  $D_1$  and  $f = f_2$  in  $D_2$ . Under what condition do there exist an open subset  $I^*$  of  $I$  and an analytic function  $F(z)$  in  $D_1 \cup I^* \cup D_2$  such that  $F(z) = f_j(z)$  for  $z \in D_j$  ( $j = 1, 2$ )? In other words, under what conditions on  $f$  and  $I$  can  $f$  be extended analytically to an open subset  $I^*$  of  $I$ ?

This problem was investigated by some authors, e.g., Carleman [5], Wolf [14], Meier [8] and from cluster-sets-theoretic viewpoint, Bagemihl [3] gave an answer to this problem under the restriction of  $I$  being an open interval on a straight line. Recently, Noshiro [9] gave an improvement of Bagemihl's theorem [3] (cf. also [10]).

First in §2 we shall prove an analogous theorem to Bagemihl-Noshiro's in the case where  $I$  is an open locally rectifiable arc. Instead of the condition (c) in Theorem 6 in [9] we shall give a global restriction to  $f$ . In §3 we assume that  $I$  is a simple open smooth arc. We give an answer to the problem under the condition that  $f_j$  belongs to the Hardy class  $H_p(D_j)$  for  $p > 1$  ( $j = 1, 2$ ). In §4 we assume that  $I$  is a simple open analytic arc. Under the weaker condition that  $f_j$  is in the class  $H_1(D_j)$  ( $j = 1, 2$ ), we shall give another answer to the problem. Finally in §5 we shall state some remarks on null-sets for the class  $H_p$ ,  $p \geq 1$ , as applications of two theorems in §3 and in §4.

2. By an open locally rectifiable arc  $I$  we mean a simple open arc such that every point of  $I$  has a neighbourhood which is a rectifiable subarc of  $I$ .