

SOME CLASSES OF POSITIVE SOLUTIONS OF $\Delta u = Pu$

ON RIEMANN SURFACES, II

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§ 4. Dimensions of ideal boundary (continuation).

If $F \in O_\Omega$ and $\Gamma \in (b)$, then the situation is somewhat troublesome to handle. Let \mathcal{S}_v be the least harmonic majorant of $v \in \mathcal{O}_{F-\bar{F}_0}$. Then \mathcal{S}_v has its sense for any $v \in \mathcal{O}_{F-\bar{F}_0}$. Let S_v be a limit harmonic function $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} v^n$ defined as follows: v^n is harmonic on $F_n - \bar{F}_0$ such that $v^n = v$ on $\Gamma_n + \Gamma_0$. Then we have easily that $\mathcal{S}_v = S_v$. Let \mathcal{T}_u be the largest minorant of $u \in \mathcal{P}_{F-\bar{F}_0}$ belonging to $\mathcal{P}_{F-\bar{F}_0}$. Then \mathcal{T}_u is equal to either constant zero or a solution of (A) such that $\mathcal{T}_u \neq 0$. If $\mathcal{T}_u \neq 0$, then $\mathcal{T}_u \in \mathcal{P}_{F-\bar{F}_0}$. Let u^n be a solution of (A) on $F_n - \bar{F}_0$ such that $u^n = u$ on $\Gamma_n + \Gamma_0$, then $\mathcal{T}_u = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} u^n$ exists and either $\mathcal{T}_u = 0$ or $\mathcal{T}_u \neq 0$. Moreover \mathcal{T}_u coincides with \mathcal{T}_u . We have the following facts:

- (i) $\mathcal{T} \circ \mathcal{S} = I$ for any $v \in \mathcal{O}_{F-\bar{F}_0}$,
- (ii) \mathcal{S} operation preserves the linear independency.

Let $[U]$ be a positively linear subspace of $\mathcal{P}_{F-\bar{F}_0}$ spanned by all the minimals $u_i, i=1, \dots, n$ such that $\mathcal{T}_{u_i} \neq 0$, $u_i \in \mathcal{P}_{F-\bar{F}_0}$ and let $\mathcal{T}[U]$ be \mathcal{T} image of $[U]$. Let $[V]$ be a positively linear subspace of $\mathcal{P}_{F-\bar{F}_0}$ for each element of which \mathcal{S} operation has the sense. Evidently $\mathcal{O}_{F-\bar{F}_0} \subseteq [V] \subset \mathcal{P}_{F-\bar{F}_0}$. Let $\mathcal{S}[V]$ be \mathcal{S} image of $[V]$. Next facts are also easy to verify:

$$\mathcal{S}[V] \subset [U] \text{ and } [V] \subset \mathcal{T}[U].$$

Let u be a minimal in $\mathcal{P}_{F-\bar{F}_0}$ such that $\mathcal{T}_u \neq 0$. Then $\mathcal{S}\mathcal{T}_u = u$ is valid. This shows that $\mathcal{T}[U] \subset [V]$ and $[U] \subset \mathcal{S}[V]$. Hence we see that $[V] = \mathcal{T}[U]$ and $\mathcal{S}[V] = [U]$.

Let u be a minimal belonging to $[U]$, then \mathcal{T}_u is also a minimal in $\mathcal{P}_{F-\bar{F}_0}$. In fact, if we assume that $0 < w \leq \mathcal{T}_u$, then \mathcal{S}_w exists and satisfies $0 < \mathcal{S}_w \leq u$, therefore $\mathcal{S}_w = \mathcal{S}u$ holds. This implies the desired fact $w = \mathcal{S}u$.

If $F \in O_\Omega^{(k)}$, then $u = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} g_{F-\bar{F}_0}^{(k)}(z, \zeta_n)$

for a suitable non-compact sequence $\{\zeta_n\}$ for any minimal u in $\mathcal{P}_{F-\bar{F}_0}$.

If $w = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} G_{F-\bar{F}_0}(z, \zeta_n) > 0$ on $F - \bar{F}_0$

for a suitable subsequence $\{\zeta_n\}$ of $\{\zeta_n\}$, then $0 < w \leq \mathcal{T}_u$ which shows that $w = \mathcal{S}u$ and w is also a minimal in $\mathcal{P}_{F-\bar{F}_0}$ and \mathcal{T}_u belongs to $\mathcal{O}_{F-\bar{F}_0}$.

Let $\mathcal{Q}_{F-\bar{F}_0}$ be a class of positive solutions v of (A) on $F - \bar{F}_0$ such that $0 < \int_{F-\bar{F}_0} v(z) P(z) d\sigma < \infty$ and $v = 0$ on Γ_0 . We shall next prove that \mathcal{S}_v has the sense for any $v \in \mathcal{Q}_{F-\bar{F}_0}$. Evidently $v^n \geq v$ on $F_n - \bar{F}_0$ and $v^n > v^m$ if $n > m$. Therefore $\frac{\partial v^n}{\partial \nu} > \frac{\partial v}{\partial \nu} \geq 0$ on Γ_0 and $\frac{\partial v^n}{\partial \nu} \geq \frac{\partial v}{\partial \nu}$ on Γ_n . On the other hand we see

$$\begin{aligned} \infty &\neq M_1 > \int_{\Gamma_0} \frac{\partial}{\partial \nu} v d\sigma + \iint_{F_n - \bar{F}_0} v P d\sigma \\ &= - \int_{\Gamma_n} \frac{\partial}{\partial \nu} v d\sigma > - \int_{\Gamma_n} \frac{\partial}{\partial \nu} v^n d\sigma \\ &= \int_{\Gamma_0} \frac{\partial}{\partial \nu} v^n d\sigma, \end{aligned}$$

which leads to a fact that

$$M_1 \geq \int_{\Gamma_0} \frac{\partial}{\partial \nu} S_v d\sigma.$$

and hence we see that

$$S_v \neq \infty$$