

130. On Hopf's Ergodic Theorem.

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1. Let E be a measurable set of points in $|z| < 1$. We define its hyperbolic measure $\sigma(E)$ by $\sigma(E) = \iint_E \frac{rdrd\theta}{(1-r^2)^2}$ ($z = re^{i\theta}$). Similarly the hyperbolic length $\lambda(C)$ of a rectifiable curve C is defined by $\lambda(C) = \int_C \frac{|dz|}{1-|z|^2}$.

Let G be a Fuchsian group of linear transformations, which make $|z| < 1$ invariant and D_0 be its fundamental domain, which contains $z_0 = 0$ and is bounded by at most enumerably infinite number of orthogonal circles to $|z| = 1$, z_n be equivalents of $z_0 = 0$ and $n(r)$ be the number of z_n in $|z| \leq r$. For any z in $|z| < 1$, we denote its equivalent in D_0 by (z) . Let $E(\theta)$ be the set of points $(re^{i\theta})$ in D_0 , which are equivalent to points on a radius $z = re^{i\theta}$ ($0 \leq r < 1$). In my former paper¹⁾, I have proved:

Theorem 1. (i) If $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (1 - |z_n|) = \infty$, then $E(\theta)$ is everywhere dense in D_0 for almost all $e^{i\theta}$ on $|z| = 1$, (ii) If $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (1 - |z_n|) < \infty$, then $\lim_{r \rightarrow 1} |(re^{i\theta})| = 1$ for almost all $e^{i\theta}$ on $|z| = 1$.

Theorem 2. The necessary and sufficient condition that there exists a set e on $|z| = 1$, which is invariant by G and $0 < me < 2\pi$, is that $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (1 - |z_n|) < \infty$.

Theorem 1 (i) is an extension of Myrberg's theorem²⁾, who assumed that D_0 lies with its boundary entirely in $|z| < 1$, in which case, it is easily proved that $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (1 - |z_n|) = \infty$.

2. Let $\eta_1 = e^{i\theta}$, $\eta_2 = e^{i\varphi}$ be two points on $|z| = 1$, $|w| = 1$ respectively. Then the pair (η_1, η_2) can be considered as a point on a torus Ω ($0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$, $0 \leq \varphi \leq 2\pi$). For any measurable set E on Ω , we define its measure mE by $mE = \iint_E d\theta d\varphi$, so that $m\Omega = 4\pi^2$.

Let S be any substitution of G and $T: \eta'_1 = S(\eta_1), \eta'_2 = S(\eta_2)$, then the totality of T constitutes a group \mathfrak{G} , which is isomorphic to G . Hopf proved the theorem³⁾:

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