

59. Resolvent Kernels on a Martin Space

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Let R be a Green space, M be its Martin boundary and μ be the harmonic measure on M relative to a fixed point of R . As a result of the author's previous paper [3], we can see that, if every point of M is an exit boundary point of R ,

$$(1) \quad D(u, u) = \int_M \int_M (u(\xi) - u(\eta))^2 U(\xi, \eta) \mu(d\xi) \mu(d\eta)$$

represents the Dirichlet integral on R , up to a constant, of the harmonic function with boundary value $u(\xi)$, $\xi \in M$, where $U(\xi, \eta)$ is Feller's kernel (cf. Doob [2]).

We shall apply this fact to form a system of resolvent kernels on $(R \cup M) \times R$ which dominate on $R \times R$ the resolvent kernels of a Brownian motion on R . As the generalized normal derivatives of the potentials defined by these kernels, we may have zero function on M . The construction of these kernels is our main purpose.

To this aim, we shall first define a system of operators R^α , $\alpha > 0$ on $L^2(\mu)$ such that, for every $\varphi \in L^2(\mu)$, $R^\alpha \varphi$ satisfies

$$(2) \quad D(R^\alpha \varphi, v) + 2 \int_M \int_M R^\alpha \varphi(\xi) U_\alpha(\xi, \eta) v(\eta) \mu(d\xi) \mu(d\eta) = 2 \int_M \varphi(\xi) v(\xi) \mu(d\xi)$$

for any v in a certain function class, where U_α is α -order Feller's kernel. Next, we shall prove the positivity of R^α ($\alpha > 0$) and the continuity of $R^\alpha \varphi$ in a certain sense. Finally, using $\{R^\alpha, \alpha > 0\}$, we shall form resolvent kernels satisfying the properties cited above.

§ 1. Positive operators R^α ($\alpha > 0$) on $L^2(\mu)$.

Let $p(t, x, y)$ $t > 0$, $x, y \in R$ be the transition function of a Brownian motion on R . Its resolvent kernel is defined by

$$G_\alpha(x, y) = \int_0^{+\infty} e^{-\alpha t} p(t, x, y) dt, \quad \alpha > 0, x, y \in R.$$

For the Martin K -function $K(x, \xi)$, put

$$K_\alpha(x, \xi) = K(x, \xi) - \alpha \int_R G_\alpha(x, y) K(y, \xi) dy, \quad x \in R, \xi \in M, \alpha > 0.$$

We call $\xi \in M$ an exit boundary point if and only if $K_\alpha(x, \xi) \neq 0$ for some $x \in R$ and $\alpha > 0$. For $\xi, \eta \in M$, $\alpha > 0$, $U_\alpha(\xi, \eta) = \alpha \int_R K(x, \xi) K_\alpha(x, \eta) dx$ is monotone increasing in α and we call $U(\xi, \eta) = \lim_{\alpha \rightarrow +\infty} U_\alpha(\xi, \eta)$ Feller's kernel (cf. [3]).

From now on, we assume that

(A.1) almost every (μ) point of M is exit,