

23. On the Potential Defined in a Domain.

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Let us consider a simply connected "schlicht" domain R on the z -plane whose boundary is a simple closed Jordan curve and an additive class F composed of the sets of points contained in a bounded closed subset E of R .

We suppose that a function $\mu (\geq 0)$ of the sets is completely additive with respect to any set belonging to F .

Then we shall define the potential of mass-distribution μ on E in the form

$$(1) \quad V(z) = \int_B g(z, \zeta) d\mu(\zeta),$$

where $g(z, \zeta)$ is a Green's function of the domain R with a pole ζ and z is any fixed point in R .

The integral(1) has a meaning in the sense of the Stieltjes Lebesgue-Radon's integral.

From the definition(1), we easily obtain

$$\Delta V(z) = 0 \quad (\Delta \text{ is Laplacian})$$

at any point in the free space $R-E$, for $\Delta g(z, \zeta) = 0$.

Now we shall study whether Gauss' theorems¹⁾ on the potential in the usual sense hold for the potential (1) in our definition, succeeding to the idea of "Green's Geometry"²⁾ discussed by Prof. Matsumoto.

Let the subset E be lying entirely in R . Then we can suitably choose a constant $c (> 0)$ such that the subset E is entirely enclosed by the equipotential curve $C_0: g(z, z_0) = c$ of Green's function of R with a pole z_0 .

Thus, let us consider the arithmetic mean of the potential (1) by integration on C_0 for which we shall use the non-Euclidean (hyperbolic) metric $d\sigma_z^3$ for the linear element.

Such an arithmetic mean by integration, we denote by $A\{V(z)\}$ for simplicity.

By Fubini's theorem on the change of order of integration, we have

$$(2) \quad \int_{C_0} V(z) d\sigma_z = \int_B \left(\int_{C_0} g(z, \zeta) d\sigma_z \right) d\mu(\zeta)$$

1) O. D. Kellogg : Foundations of Potential Theory (1929) P. 82.

2) T. Matsumoto : Gekkan 'Sugaku' October, November, (1937).

3) R. Nevanlinna : Eindeutige Analytische Funktionen (1936) S. 48.