## 47. On the Domain of Existence of an Implicit Function defined by an Integral Relation G(x, y)=0.

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1. Theorems of Julia and Gross.

Let G(x, y) be an integral function with respect to x and y and y(x) be an analytic function defined by G(x, y) = 0 and F be its Riemann surface spread over the x-plane. Let E be a set of points on the x-plane, which are not covered by F. Evidently E is a closed set.

Julia<sup>1)</sup> proved that E does not contain a continuum. If y(x) is an algebroid function of order n, such that  $A_0(x)y^n + A_1(x)y^{n+1} + \cdots + A_n(x) = 0$ , where  $A_i(x)$  are integral functions of x, then F consists of n sheets and covers every point on the x-plane exactly n-times, where a branch point of F of order k is considered as covered k-times by F. We will prove

Theorem I. If y(x) is not an algebroid function of x, then F covers any point on the x-plane infinitely many times, except a set of points of capacity zero.

In this paper "capacity" means "logarithmic capacity."

If we interchange x and y, we have

Let G(x, y) be an integral function with respect to x and y and y(x) be an analytic function defined by G(x, y) = 0. If y(x) does not satisfy a relation of the form:  $A_0(y)x^n + A_1(y)x^{n+1} + \cdots + A_n(y) = 0$ , where  $A_i(y)$  are integral functions of y, then y(x) takes any value infinitely many times, except a set of values of capacity zero.

This is a generalization of Picard's theorem for a transcendental meromorphic function for  $|x| < \infty$ .

Julia's proof depends on the following

Gross' theorem<sup>2</sup>: Let f(z) be one-valued and regular on the Riemann surface F, which does not cover a continuum. If f(z) tends to zero, when z tends to any accessible boundary point of F, then  $f(z) \equiv 0$ .

We will first extend this Gross' theorem in the following way.

Theorem II. Let f(z) be one-valued and meromorphic on a connected piece F of its Riemann surface, whose projection on the z-plane lies inside a Jordan curve C and F do not cover a closed set E of positive capacity, which lies with its boundary entirely inside C. If f(z) tends to zero, when z tends to any accessible boundary point of F, whose projection on the z-plane lies inside C, except enumerably infinite number of such accessible boundary points, then  $f(z) \equiv 0$ .

<sup>1)</sup> G. Julia: Sur le domaine d'existence d'une fonction implicite défine par une relation entière G(x, y)=0. Bull. Soc. Math. (1926).

<sup>2)</sup> W. Gross: Zur Theorie der Differentialgleichungen mit festen kritischen Punkten. Math. Ann. **78** (1918).