## On Harmonic Functions Representable by Poisson's Integral

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Let R be a Riemann surface with positive boundary and let  $\{R_n\}$  $(n=0, 1, 2, \cdots)$  be its exhaustion with compact relative boundaries  $\partial R_n$ . If an open set G has relative boundary consisting of at most enumerably infinite number of analytic curves which cluster nowhere in R, we call G a domain. Let  $w_{n,n+i}(z)$  be a harmonic function in  $R_{n+i}-(G \cap (R_{n+i}-R_n))$ such that  $w_{n,n+i}(z) \equiv 0$  on  $\partial R_{n+i}-G$  and  $w_{n,n+i}(z) \equiv 1$  on  $\partial (G \cap (R_{n+i}-R_n))$ and let  $\omega_{n,n+i}(z)$  be a harmonic function in  $R-R_0-(G \cap (R_{n+i}-R_n))$  such that  $\omega_{n,n+i}(z)\equiv 0$  on  $\partial R_0$ ,  $\omega_{n,n+i}(z)\equiv 1$  on  $\partial (G \cap (R_{n+i}-R_n))$  and  $\frac{\partial}{\partial n}\omega_{n,n+i}(z)$  $\equiv 0$  on  $\partial R_{n+i}-G$ . We call lim  $\lim_{i} w_{n,n+i}(z)$  and  $\lim_{i} \lim_{i} \omega_{n,n+i}(z)^{10}$  the harmonic measure and the capacitary potential of the ideal boundary  $(G \cap B)$ determined by G respectively. We call a function G(z) a generalized Green's function, if G(z) is non negatively harmonic in R, the harmonic measure of  $(B \cap E[z \in R: G(z) > \delta])$  is zero for  $\delta > 0$  and the Dirichlet integral  $D(\min(M, G(z)) \leq kM$  for  $M < \infty$ .

We map the universal covering surface  $R^{\infty}$  of R onto  $|\xi| < 1$ . Then

**Theorem 1.** Let W(z) be a positive harmonic in R and superharmonic in  $\overline{R}^{z_0}$ . Then W(z) = U(z) + V(z), where U(z) is a harmonic function in R representable by Poisson's integral in  $|\xi| < 1$  and V(z) is a generalized Green's function. If furthermore R has no irregular point of the Green's function, then V(z) = 0, therefore W(z) is representable by Poisson's integral.

Let W(z) be a function in Theorem 1. Then W(z)-S(z) is also positively harmonic in  $R-R_0$  and superharmonic in  $\overline{R-R_0}$  and W(z)-S(z)=W'(z)=0 on  $\partial R_0$ , where S(z) is harmonic in  $R-R_0$  such that S(z)=W(z) on  $\partial R_0$  and S(z) has M. D. I. (minimal Dirichlet integral).

<sup>1)</sup> Z. Kuramochi: Harmonic measure and capacity of subsets of the ideal boundary, Proc. Japan Acad. 31, 1955.

<sup>2)</sup> Let U(z) be a positively harmonic function which satisfies  $D(\min(M, U(z)) < \infty$ . If  $U(z) > U_G(z)$  for every compact or noncompact domain G, we say U(z) is superharmonic in  $\overline{R}$ , where  $U_G(z) = \lim_{M \to \infty} U_G^M(z)$ ,  $U_G^M(z) = \min(M, U(z))$  on  $\partial G$  and  $U_G^M(z)$  has minimal Dirichlet integral over G.

Then W'(z) is representable by a positive mass distribution as follows:<sup>3)</sup>

$$W'(z) = \int_{B_1} N(z, p) d\mu(p),$$

where  $B_1^{(4)}$  is the set of minimal points and the total mass  $\mu_0$  is given by  $ds \int_{\partial R_0} \frac{\partial}{\partial n} W'(z)$  and  $D(\min(M, W(z)) \leq 2\pi M \mu_0$ .

First we shall prove for N(z, p). Then

**Theorem 2.** Let N(z, p) be a minimal function<sup>5)</sup>. Then N(z, p) = U(z, p) + V(z, p), where U(z, p) is a positive harmonic function representable by Poisson's integral and V(z, p) is a generalized Green's function. U(z, p) and V(z, p) are functions of at most second class of Baire's function of p for fixed  $z \in R - R_0$  with respect to Martin's topology.<sup>4)</sup>

If sup  $N(z, p) < \infty$ , our assertion is trivial and in this case by the boundedness of V(z, p), V(z, p) reduces to constant zero. We shall suppose sup  $N(z, p) = \infty$ . Put  $G_M = E[z \in R: N(z, p) > M]$ . Then  $G_M$  is a non compact domain. Consider a harmonic function  $w_n(z)$  in  $R_n - G_M - R_0$ such that  $w_n(z) = 0$  on  $\partial R_0 + \partial R_n - G_M$  and  $w_n(z) = 1$  on  $\partial G_M$ . Let  $w_M(z) = 0$ lim  $w_n(z)$ . Since N(z, p) has M. I. D. over  $R - R_0 - G_M$  among all functions with values 0 on  $\partial R_0$  and M on  $\partial G_M$  respectively,  $N(z, p) = \lim_{n \to \infty} N_n(z, p)$ , where  $N_n(z, p)$  is harmonic in  $R_n - R_0 - G_M$  such that  $N_n(z, p) = M$  on  $\partial G_M$ ,  $N_n(z, p) = 0$  on  $\partial R_0$  and  $\frac{\partial}{\partial n} N_n(z, p) = 0$  on  $\partial R_n - G_M$ . Hence by the maximum principle  $N(z, p) \ge M w_M(z)$ , whence  $\lim_{M \to \infty} w_M(z) = 0$ . Map the universal covering surface  $(R-R_0)^{\infty}$  onto  $|\zeta| < 1$  and consider  $w_M(z)$  in  $|\zeta| < 1$ . Then  $w_M(z)$  has angular limits = 0 a.e. (almost everywhere) on a set  $E_M$  on  $|\zeta|=1$  where N(z, p) has angular limits  $\leq M$ . To the contrary, suppose that there exists a set E of positive measure such that  $w_M(z)$  has angular limits >0 on E and N(z, p) has angular limits < M. Then there exists a closed set  $E' \in E$  such that mes  $(E - E') \leq \varepsilon$ ,  $N(z, p) \leq M - \varepsilon$  in angular domain  $D_{\varepsilon} = [\arg | \zeta - \zeta_0 | < \frac{\pi}{2} - \varepsilon, \zeta_0 \in E', |\zeta| > 1 - \varepsilon]$  for any given positive number  $\varepsilon$ . Let D' be one of components of  $D_{\varepsilon}$ . Then the image of

<sup>3)</sup> Z. Kuramochi: Mass distributions on the ideal boundaries, II. Osaka Math. Jour., 8, 1956.

<sup>4)</sup> See 3).

<sup>5)</sup> If U(z) has no functions V(z) such that both V(z) > 0 and U(z) - V(z) > 0 are harmonic and superharmonic in  $\overline{R-R_0}$  except its own multiples, we say that U(z) is a minimal function.

 $G_M$  does not intersect the above D'. Let H(z) be a harmonic function in D' with values 1 on  $\partial D' - E[|\zeta|=1]$  and 0 on  $\partial D' \cap E[|\zeta|=1]$ . Since  $\partial D'$  is rectifiable, H(z)=0 on a. e.  $\partial D' \cap E[|\zeta|=1]$ . But  $w_M(z) \leq H(z)$ , whence  $w_M(z)=0$  a. e. on  $E_M$ .

Let  $N_n'(z, p)$  be a harmonic function in  $R_n - R_0 - G_L (=E[z \in R: N(z, p) > L])$  such that  $N_n'(z, p) = 0$  on  $\partial R_0$ ,  $N_n'(z, p) = L$  on  $\partial G_L \cap R_n$ ,  $N_n'(z, p) = N(z, p)$  on  $\partial R_n - G_M(M < L)$  and  $\frac{\partial}{\partial n} N_n'(z, p) = 0$  on  $\partial R_n \cap (G_M - G_L)$ . Then

$$D_{R_n}-G_L(N_n'(z, p)) < D_{R_n}-G_L(N(z, p))$$
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Since N(z, p) has M. D. I. over  $R-G_L$ ,  $N'_n(z, p) \to N(z, p)$  in mean. Let  $U_{M.n}(z, p)$  be a harmonic function in  $R_n - R_0$  such that  $U_{M.n}(z, p) = 0$ on  $\partial R_0$ ,  $U_{M.n}(z, p) = N'_n(z, p)$  on  $\partial R_n - G_M$  and  $U_{M.n}(z, p) = M$  on  $\partial R_n \cap G_M$ . In  $R_n - R_0 - G_M$ ,  $0 < N'_n(z, p) - U_{M.n}(z, p) \le Lw_n(z)$ . Hence by letting  $n \to \infty$ ,  $0 < N(z, p) - U_M(z, p) < Lw_M(z)$ , where  $U_M(z, p)$  is a limit function from a subsequence  $(n_1, n_2, \cdots)$ . Thus  $U_M(z, p)$  has the same angular limits as N(z, p) a.e. on a set  $E_M$  on  $|\zeta| = 1$  on which N(z, p) has angular limits < M. Next let  $U'_{M.n}(z, p)$  be a harmonic function in  $R_n - R_0$  such that  $U'_{M.n}(z, p) = 0$  on  $\partial R_0$  and  $U'_{M.n}(z, p) = \min(M, N(z, p))$  on  $\partial R_n$ . Then we have clearly  $\lim_n U_{M.n}(z, p) = \lim_n U'_{M.n}(z, p)$  and  $U_{M_2.n}(z, p) > U_{M_1.n}(z, p)$ for  $M_2 > M_1$ .

Choose a subsequence  $(n'_1, n'_2, \cdots)$  from  $(n_1, n_2, \cdots)$  such that  $U_{M_2,n'}(z, p)$  converges to  $U_{M_2}(z, p)$ . Then  $U_{M_2}(z, p) \ge U_{M_1}(z, p)$ . Let  $U(z, p) = \lim_{M \to \infty} U_M(z, p)$ . Then U(z, p) is a function representable by Poisson's integral and U(z, p) has the same angular limits as N(z, p) a.e. on  $|\zeta| = 1$ , because  $\lim_{M \to \infty} w_M(z) = 0$ . Hence such U(z, p) does not depend on the subsequences. This U(z, p) is the function stated in the theorem

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We call such  $G_L$  a regular domain. Hence we can suppose without loss of generality that  $G_L$  is regular. We see the following assertion from  $\frac{\partial}{\partial n} N_n(z, p) > 0$  on  $\partial G_L$ , it is necessary and sufficient condition for

<sup>6)</sup> sec 3). p. 151.

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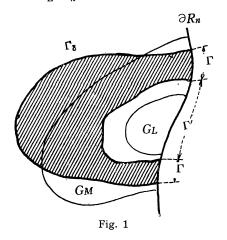
the regularity of  $G_L$  that there exist  $n_0$  and  $m_0$  such that  $\int_{(R-R_m)\cap \partial G_L} \frac{\partial}{\partial n} N_n(z, p) ds$  $< \varepsilon$  for  $n > n_0$  and  $m > m_0$  for any given positive number  $\varepsilon > 0$ .

Let  $J_n(z)$  be a harmonic function in  $R_n - R_0 - (R_n \cap (G_M - G_L))$  such that  $J_n(z) = 0$  on  $\partial G_M$ ,  $J_n(z) = 1$  on  $\partial G_L$  and  $\frac{\partial}{\partial n} J_n(z) = 0$  on  $\partial R_n \cap (G_M - G_L)$ . Then  $(M + (L - M)J_n(z)) \rightarrow N(z, p)$  in mean, because N(z, p) has M. D. I. over  $G_M - G_L$ . Hence  $\lim_{n \to 0} \int_{\partial G_L} \frac{\partial}{\partial n} J_n(z) ds = \int_{\partial G_L} \lim_{n \to 0} \frac{\partial}{\partial n} J_n(z) ds$  and there exist  $m_0$  and  $n_0$  such that  $\int_{(R-R_m)\cap \partial G_L} \frac{\partial}{\partial n} J_n(z) ds < \varepsilon$  for  $n > n_0$  and  $m > m_0$  for any given positive number  $\varepsilon > 0$ . But  $N_n'(z, p) > (L - M)J_n(z)$  in  $G_M - G_L$  and  $N_n'(z, p) = (M + (L - M)J_n(z))$  on  $\partial G_L$  implies

$$(L-M)\frac{\partial}{\partial n}J_n(z) > \frac{\partial}{\partial n}N_n'(z,p) > 0 \text{ on } \partial G_L.$$

Hence  $\int_{\partial G_L} \lim_{n} \frac{\partial}{\partial n} N'_n(z, p) ds = \lim_{n} \int_{\partial G_L} \frac{\partial}{\partial n} N'_n(z, p) ds.$ Thus  $\partial G_L$  is also regular for  $N'_n(z, p)$ .

Let  $V_{M.n}(z, p)$  be a harmonic function  $= N'_n(z, p) - U_{M.n}(z, p)$ . Then  $V_{M.n}(z, p)$  is harmonic in  $R_n - R_0$ ,  $V_{M.n}(z, p) = 0$  on  $\partial R_0 + (\partial R_n - G_M)$  and  $V_{M.n}(z, p) > L - M$  in  $G_L$ . By the regularity of  $\partial G_L$ ,  $\int_{\partial G_L \cap R_n} \frac{\partial}{\partial n} N'_n(z, p) ds$   $\rightarrow 2\pi$ , as  $n \to \infty$ . Hence there exists a number  $n_0$  for any given  $\mathcal{E}$  such that  $\int_{\partial G_L \cap R_n} \frac{\partial}{\partial n} N'_n(z, p) ds \leq 2\pi + \mathcal{E}$  for  $n > n_0$ .



Put  $D = E[z \in R: \delta < V_{M.n}(z, p) < M' < M]$ .  $\Gamma_{M'} = E[z \in R: V_{M.n}(z, p) = \delta]$ , =M'],  $\Gamma_{\delta} = E[z \in R: V_{M.n}(z, p) = \delta]$ ,  $\Gamma = \partial R_m \cap D$  and  $\Gamma' = \partial R_n \cap E[z \in R: V_{M.n}(z, p) \ge M']$ . Then D intersects only  $\partial R_n \cap (G_M - G_L)$ , because  $N'_n(z, p) - U_{M.n}(z, p) = 0$  on  $\partial R_n - G_M$  and  $N'_n(z, p) - U_{M.n}(z, p) > M'$  on  $\partial G_L$  for L > 2M'. Hence  $\Gamma < \partial R_n \cap (G_M - G_L)$ . Now  $\frac{\partial}{\partial n} N'_n(z, p) = 0$  on  $\partial R_n - D_L$ . Since  $U_{M.n}(z, p) = \max U_{M.n}(z, p) = M$ on  $\Gamma$ ,  $\frac{\partial}{\partial n} U_{M.n}(z, p) > 0$  on  $\Gamma$  and

$$\begin{split} & \int_{\Gamma} \frac{\partial}{\partial n} U_{M,n}(z, p) ds < \int_{\partial R_n \cap (G_N - G_L)} \frac{\partial}{\partial n} U_{M,n}(z, p) ds \leq \int_{\partial G_L \cap R_n} \frac{\partial}{\partial n} N_n'(z, p) ds \leq 2\pi + \varepsilon \, . \\ & \int_{\Gamma_{M'}} \frac{\partial}{\partial n} N_n'(z, p) ds = \int_{\partial G_L \cap R_n} \frac{\partial}{\partial n} N_n'(z, p) ds < 2\pi + \varepsilon \, . \\ & 0 < \int_{\Gamma_{M'}} \frac{\partial}{\partial n} U_{M,n}(z, p) ds = \int_{\Gamma'} \frac{\partial}{\partial n} U_{M,n}(z, p) ds \leq \int_{\partial R_n \cap G_M} \frac{\partial}{\partial n} U_{M,n}(z, p) ds < 2\pi + \varepsilon \, . \\ & \int_{\Gamma_\delta} \frac{\partial}{\partial n} N_n'(z, p) ds = - \int_{\partial G_L \cap R_n} \frac{\partial}{\partial n} N_n'(z, p) ds \geq -2\pi - \varepsilon \, . \\ & \int_{\Gamma_\delta} \frac{\partial}{\partial n} U_{M,n}(z, p) ds = \int_{\Gamma + \Gamma'} \frac{\partial}{\partial n} U_{M,n}(z, p) ds \\ & \geq - \int_{\partial R_n \cap G_M} \frac{\partial}{\partial n} U_{M,n}(z, p) ds > -2\pi - \varepsilon \, . \end{split}$$

Hence  $D(\min V_{M,n}(z, p), M') = D_D(V_{M,n}(z, p)) = \int_{\Gamma_{\delta}+\Gamma+\Gamma_{M'}} (N'_n(z, p) - U_{M,n}(z, p)) \frac{\partial}{\partial n} (N'_n(z, p) - U_{M,n}(z, p)) ds \leq M' (4\pi + 2\varepsilon) + \delta(2\pi + \varepsilon)$  and  $D_{R_m-R_0}(\min (V_{M,n}(z, p), M') \leq M'(4\pi + 2\varepsilon) + \delta(2\pi + \varepsilon)$ , for every *m* (for every n > 1).

Let  $n \to \infty$ , then  $N'_n(z, p) \to N(z, p)$  in  $R - R_0 - G_L$ ,  $U_{M,n}(z, p) \to U_M(z, p)$ ,  $V_{M,n}(z, p) \to V(z, p)$  and derivatives of  $V_{M,n}(z, p) \to$  derivatives of  $V_M(z, p)$ . By letting  $n \to \infty$  and then  $\delta \to 0$  and  $\varepsilon \to 0$ ,  $D_{R-R_m}(\min(V_M(z, p), M') \le 4\pi M'$ .

Let  $L \to \infty$  and then  $M \to \infty$ . Then  $U_M(z, p) \uparrow U(z, p)$  and  $V_M(z, p) \downarrow V(z, p)$  and then by letting  $m \to \infty$ , we have

$$D_{R-R_0}(V(z, p), M')) \leq 4\pi M'$$
.

On the other hand, clearly V(z, p) = N(z, p) - U(z, p) has angular limits = 0 a.e. on  $|\zeta| = 1$ . Hence V(z, p) is a generalized Green's function.

Since  $U_M(z, p) = \lim_n U_{M,n}(z, p) = \lim_n U'_{M,n}(z, p)$ , where  $U'_{M,n}(z, p)$  is a harmonic function in  $R_n - R_0$  such that  $U'_{M,n}(z, p) = \min(M, N(z, p))$  on  $\partial R_0 + \partial R_n$ . Hence  $U'_{M,n+i}(z, p) \leq U'_{M,n}(z, p)$  on  $\partial R_n$ , whence  $U'_{M,n}(z, p) \downarrow U_M(z, p)$ . Therefore there exists a number  $n_0$  such that  $U'_M(z, p) \leq U'_{M,n}(z, p) - \varepsilon$  for  $n > n_0$  for any given positive number  $\varepsilon$ . Next since N(z, p) is a continuous function of p for any point  $z \in R - R_0$ , there exists a number  $\delta_0$  such that

$$|N(z, p) - N(z, p_j)| \leq \varepsilon$$
 on  $\partial R_n$  for  $\delta(p, p_j) \leq \delta_0$ .

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Hence  $U_M(z, p) \ge U'_{M,n}(z, p) - \varepsilon \ge U'_{M,n}(z, p_j) - 2\varepsilon \ge U_M(z, p_j) - 2\varepsilon$ . Thus  $U_M(z, p)$  is an upper semicontinuous function of p, whence  $V_M(z, p)$ is a lower semicontinuous function of p by the continuity of N(z, p).  $U_M(z, p) \uparrow U(z, p)$  and  $V_M(z, p) \downarrow V(z, p)$  imply that U(z, p) and V(z, p)are at most second class of Baire's functions.

## Properties of generalized Green's functions.

**Theorem 3.** Let V(z) be a generalized Green's function such that  $D(\min(V(z), M)) \leq \pi M$ . Let V'(z) be a non negative harmonic function such that  $V'(z) \leq V(z)$ . Then V'(z) is also a generalized Green's function such that  $D(\min(V(z), M)) \leq \pi M$ .

Put  $D = E[z \in R: V'(z) < M$  and V(z) > M]. Let  $V'_{n,n+i}(z)$  be a harmonic function in  $R_{n+i} - R_0 - E[z \in R: V'(z) > M]$  $- (D \cap (R_{n+i} - R_n))$  such that  $V'_{n,n+i}(z) =$ V'(z) on  $\partial R_0 + (E[z \in R: V'(z) \le M] \cap R_n),$  $\frac{\partial}{\partial n} V'_{n,n+i}(z) = 0$  on  $\partial R_n \cap D$  and  $V'_{n,n+i}(z)$ = V(z) on  $\partial R_{n+i} - E[z \in R: V(z) > M].$ Then by the Dirichlet principle

 $D(\min M, V'_{n,n+i}(z)) \leq D(\min (M, V(z)))$ 

for every i and n.

Next clearly  $\lim_{n} \lim_{i} V'_{n,n+i}(z) = \tilde{V}(z)$  exists and  $\tilde{V}(z)$  has angular limits  $\leq V(z)$  a.e. where V(z) has angular limits  $\leq M$ . But

V(z) has angular limits = 0 a.e. on  $|\zeta|=1$ , whence  $\tilde{V}(z)=V'(z)$  and

 $D(\min(M, V'(z)) \leq D(\min(M, V(z)))$ .

Hence V'(z) is a generalized Green's function.

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**Theorem 4.** Let V(z) be a generalized Green's function and put  $R_{\delta} = E[z \in R: V(z) > \delta]$  and  $D_M = E[z \in R: V(z) > M]$ . Then  $D_M$  determines a set of the ideal boundary of capacity zero.

Let  $V_{n.n+i}(z)$  be a harmonic function in  $(R_{\delta} \cap R_{n+i}) - ((R_{n+i} - R_n) \cap D_M)$ such that  $V_{n.n+i}(z) = 0$  on  $\partial R_{\delta} \cap R_{n+i}$ ,  $V_{n.n+i}(z) = 1$  on  $\partial (D_M \cap (R_{n+i} - R_n))$  and  $\frac{\partial}{\partial n} V_{n.n+i}(z) = 0$  and  $\partial R_{n+i} \cap (R_{\delta} - D_M)$ . Then by the Dirichlet principle

$$\int_{\partial(D_M \cap (R_{n+i}-R_n))} \frac{\partial}{\partial n} V_{n,n+i}(z) ds = D(V_{n,n+i}(z)) \leq \frac{1}{(M-\delta)^2} D(V(z)) \leq \frac{2\pi M}{(M-\delta)^2}$$

for every *i* and *n*,

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V(z) > M

Fig. 2

and clearly  $V_{n,n+i}(z)$  converges to  $V_n(z)$  in mean as  $i \to \infty$ .

$$\int \frac{\partial}{\partial n} \left( V_{n,n+i}(z) - V_{m,n+i}(z) \right) V_{n,n+i}(z) = \int_{\partial (D_M \cap (R_{n+i} - R_n))} \frac{\partial}{\partial n} V_{n,n+i}(z) ds$$
$$- \frac{\partial}{\partial n} V_{m,n+i}(z) ds = D(V_{n,n+i}(z)) - D(V_{m,n+i}(z)), \quad \text{for } n < m < n+i.$$

Since  $V_{m,n+i}(z) \to V_n(z)$  in mean, we have

$$D(V_n(z) - V_m(z), V_n(z)) = D(V_n(z)) - D(V_m(z)) \text{ and } D(V_n(z) - V_m(z)) = D(V_n(z)) - D(V_m(z)).$$

Hence  $V_n(z)$  converges to a function  $V^*(z)$  in mean as  $n \to \infty$ .

Map the universal couvring surface  $R_{\delta}^{\infty}$  of  $R_{\delta}$  onto  $|\zeta| < 1$ . Then  $V^*(z)$  has angular limits = 0 a.e. on  $|\xi| = 1$  by that V(z) has angular limits =  $\delta$  a.e. on  $|\zeta| = 1$ . Hence  $V^*(z) = 0$ . Let F be a closed arc on  $\partial R_{\delta}$ . Let  $\omega_{n.n+i}(z)$  be a harmonic function in  $R_{\delta} \cap R_{n+i} - ((R_{n+i} - R_n) \cap D_M)$  such that  $\omega_{n.n+i}(z) = 0$  on F,  $\omega_{n.n+i}(z) = 1$  on  $\partial (D_M \cap (R_{n+i} - R_n))$  and  $\frac{\partial \omega_{n.n+i}}{\partial n}(z) = 0$  on  $\partial R_{n+i} - D_M$ . Then by the Dirichlet principle

$$D(\omega_{n,n+i}(z)) \leq D(V_{n,n+i}(z)).$$

We see as above that  $\omega_{n.n+i}(z) \to \omega_n(z)$  in mean and  $\omega_n(z) \to \omega(z)$  in mean and by  $V_n(z) \to V^*(z)$  in mean. We have  $D(\omega(z)) \leq D(V^*(z)) \leq 0$ . Thus  $D_M$  determines a set of the boundary of capacity zero.

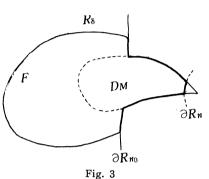
**Theorem 5.** Let V(z) be a generalized Green's function. Then  $\int_{\partial n}^{\partial} V(z) ds = k \text{ on every niveau curve, where } k \text{ is a constant such that}$   $\int_{\partial n}^{\partial} (\min(M, V(z))) = Mk.$ 

Let  $\omega_n(z)$  and  $D_M$  be in Theorem 4. Let  $\omega_n'(z)$  be a harmonic function in  $D_M \cap (R_n - R_{n_0}) + (R_{\delta} \cap R_{n_0})$  such that  $\omega_n'(z) = 0$  on  $F \cap R_{n_0}$ ,  $\omega_n'(z) = 1$  on  $D_M \cap \partial R_n$  and  $\frac{\partial \omega_n'}{\partial n}(z) = 0$  on  $(\partial R_{\delta} \cap R_{n_0}) + (\partial R_{n_0} - D_M) + (\partial D_M \cap (R_n - R_{n_0}))$ -F. Then clearly

$$D(\omega_n'(z)) \leq D(\omega_n(z))$$
,

whence by Theorem 4  $\omega_n(z) \to 0$  as  $n \to \infty$ . Hence there exists for any given large number T, a number n and a harmonic function  $\omega_n^*(z)$  in  $(R_{\delta} \cap R_{n_0}) + (\partial R_{n_0} - D_M) + (\partial D_M \cap (R_n - R_{n_0}))$  such that  $\omega_n^*(z) = 0$  on F,  $\frac{\partial \omega_n^*}{\partial n}(z) = 0$  on  $(\partial R_{\delta} \cap R_{n_0}) - F + (\partial D_M \cap (R_n - R_{n_0})) + (\partial R_{n_0} - D_M)$ ,  $\omega_n^*(z) = T$  on  $\partial R_n \cap D_M$  and  $\int_{F \cap R_{n_0}} \frac{\partial \omega_n^*}{\partial n}(z) = 2\pi$ .

Put  $re^{i\theta} = \exp(\omega_n^*(z) + i\tilde{\omega}_n^*(z))$ , where  $\tilde{\omega}_n^*(z)$  is the conjugate function of  $\omega_n^*(z)$ . Put  $L(r) = \int \left| \frac{\partial}{\partial n} V(z) \right| r d\theta$ , where the integration is taken over  $((R_{\delta} \cap R_{n_0}) + (D_M - D_{M_2})) \cap (E[z \in R; \omega_n^*(z) = \log r]) (M < M_2).$ Suppose  $L(r) > \mathcal{E}_0$  for every r. Then



$$\mathcal{E}_{0}^{2} \int_{1}^{T} \frac{1}{r} dr \leq \int_{1}^{T} \frac{L^{2}(r)}{r} dr$$
$$\leq \iint_{D_{M} \to D_{M_{2}}} \left\{ \left( \frac{\partial V(z)}{\partial r} \right)^{2} + r^{2} \left( \frac{\partial V(z)}{\partial \theta} \right)^{2} r dr d\theta$$
$$\leq D_{R_{\delta} \to D_{M_{2}}}(V(z)) < \infty .$$

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**Lemma 3.** Let V(z) be a positive harmonic function (not necessarily a generalized Green's function) in  $R-R_0$ . Let G and G' be non compact domains such that  $R-R_0 = \overline{G} + G'$ .<sup>7)</sup> Let  ${}_{n}V_{G}^{\alpha}(z)({}_{n}V_{G}^{\beta}(z))$  be the lower (upper) envelope of super (sub) harmonic functions larger (smaller) than V(z) in  $G \cap (R-R_n)$ . Put  $V_{G}^{\alpha}(z) = \lim_{n} V_{G}^{\alpha}(z)$  and  $V_{G}^{\beta}(z) = \lim_{n} V_{G}^{\beta}(z)$ . Then

$$V_{G}^{\alpha}(V_{G}^{\alpha}(z)) = V_{G}^{\alpha}(z) \text{ and } {}_{G}^{\alpha}(V_{G'}^{\beta}(z)) = 0.$$

Let  $V_{n.n+i}(z)$  be a harmonic function in  $R_n + ((R_{n+i} - R_n) \cap G) - R_0$  such that  $V_{n.n+i}(z) = 0$  on  $\partial R_0 + (\partial R_{n+i} - G)$  and  $V_{n.n+i}(z) = V(z)$  on  $\partial G \cap (R_{n+i} - R_n) + G \cap (R - R_n)$ . Then for every  $G \cap (R - R_n)$  by  $V_{n.n+i}(z) \uparrow V_n(z)$  and by  $G_i(\zeta, z) \uparrow G(\zeta, z)$ 

$$\lim_{i} V_{n,n+i}(z) = V_n(z) = \int_{\partial(G \cap (R-R_n)) + (G \cap \partial R_n)} V_n(\zeta) \frac{\partial}{\partial n} G(\zeta, z) ds,$$

where  $G_i(\zeta, z)$  and  $G(\zeta, z)$  are the Green's function of  $R_{n+i}-R_0-(G \cap (R_{n+i}-R_n))$  and  $R-R_0-(G \cap (R-R_n))$  respectively.

<sup>7)</sup>  $\overline{G}$  means the closure of G.

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Since  $V_n(z) \downarrow V_G^{\alpha}(z)$ ,  $V_G^{\alpha}(z) = \int_{\partial(G \cap (R-R_n)^{+}(G \cap \partial R^n)} V_G^{\alpha}(\zeta) \frac{\partial}{\partial n} G(\zeta, z) ds$ .

Next let  $V'_{n,n+i}(z)$  be a harmonic function in  $R_n + ((R_{n+i} - R_n) \cap G) - R_0$ such that  $V'_{n,n+i}(z) = 0$  on  $\partial R_0 + (\partial R_{n+i} - G)$  and  $V'_{n,n+i}(z) = V_G^{\alpha}(z)$  on  $(\partial G \cap (R_{n+i} - R_n)) + (G \cap \partial R_n)$ . Then

$$\lim_{i} V'_{nn+i}(z) = \int V^{\alpha}_{G}(\zeta) \frac{\partial}{\partial n} G(\zeta, z) ds ,$$

i. e.  $\lim_{i} V'_{n,n+i}(z) = V^{\alpha}_{G}(z)$  for every *n*, hence

$${}^{\alpha}_{G}(V^{\alpha}_{G}(\mathbf{z})) = V^{\alpha}_{G}(\mathbf{z}) . \tag{1}$$

Let  $V_{n,n+i}(z)$  be a harmonic function in  $R_{n+i} - ((R_{n+i} - R_n) \cap G) - R_0$ such that  $\tilde{V}_{n,n+i}(z) = 0$  on  $\partial R_0 + (\partial R_n \cap G) + (\partial G \cap (R_{n+i} - R_n))$  and  $\tilde{V}_{n,n+i}(z) = V(z)$  on  $\partial R_{n+i} \in G'$ . Then

$$V(z) = V_{n,n+i}(z) + \tilde{V}_{n,n+i}(z), \text{ which implies}$$
$$V(z) = V_G^{\alpha}(z) + V_{G'}^{\beta}(z). \tag{2}$$

From (1) we have

$$egin{aligned} V(z) &= {}^{lpha}_G(V^{lpha}_G(z) + V^{eta}_{G'}(z)) + V^{eta}_{G'}(z) \ &= {}^{lpha}_G(V^{lpha}_G(z)) + {}^{lpha}_G(V^{eta}_{G'}(z)) + V^{eta}_{G'}(z), \end{aligned}$$

whence by (1) and (2) we have

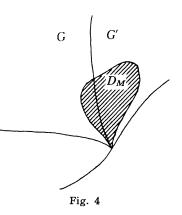
$$_{G}^{a}(V_{G'}^{\beta}(z)) = 0.$$
 (3)

Let V(z) be a generalized Green's function. Let G(z, q) be the Green's function of  $R-R_0$  with pole at q. Put  $G = E[z \in R : G(z, q) > k]$  and  $G' = E[z \ni R : G(z, q) < k]$ . Then  $V(z) = V_G^{\alpha}(z) + V_{G'}^{\beta}(z)$ . We shall study the properties of  $V_{G'}^{\beta}(z)$ .

**Lemma 4.** Let V(z) be a generalized Green's function and put  $G = E[z \in R : G(z, q) > k]$  and  $G' = E[z \in R : G(z, q) < k]$  and  $D_M = E[z \in R : V_{G'}^{\beta}(z) > M]$ . Let  $H_{G'}^{M}(z)$  be the lower envelope of superharmonic function larger than min  $(M, V_{G'}^{\beta}(z))$  on  $G' \cap D_M$ . Then

$$\lim_{N\to\infty}H^M_{G'}(z)=V^a_{G'}(z)\;.$$

For simplicity denote  $V_{G'}^{\theta}(z)$  by H(z). Let  ${}_{n}H_{G'}^{M}(z)$  be a harmonic function in  $R_{n}-R_{0}-(D_{M}\cap G')$  such that  ${}_{n}H_{G'}^{M}(z)=0$  on



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 $\partial R_0 + \partial R_n - (D_M \cap G')$  and  ${}_{n}H^M_{G'}(z) = M$  on  $\partial (D_M \cap G')$ . Let  ${}_{n}\check{H}^M_{G}(z)$  be a harmonic function in  $R_n - R_0 - (D \cap G)$  such that  ${}_{n}\check{H}^M_{G}(z) = 0$  on  $\partial R_0 + (\partial R_n - (D_M \cap G))$ ,  ${}_{n}\check{H}^M_{G}(z) = M$  on  $\partial D_M \cap G$  and  ${}_{n}\check{H}^M_{G}(z) = H(z) - M$  on  $\partial G \cap D_M$ . Then cleary

$$\lim_{n} {}_{n}H^{M}_{G}(z) \leq H(z) \leq \lim_{n} {}_{n}H^{M}_{G'}(z) + \lim_{n} {}_{n}H^{M}_{G}(z)$$

and

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} (\lim_{n \to \infty} H^M_G(z)) \leq {}^{\alpha}_G(H(z)) = {}^{\alpha}_G(V^{\beta}_{G'}(z)) = 0.$$

Hence

$$V_{G'}^{\beta}(z) = H(z) = \lim_{M \to \infty} \lim_{n} H_{G'}^{M}(z) = \lim_{M \to \infty} H_{G'}^{M}(z) .$$

**Theorem 6.** Let V(z) be a generalized Green's function such that  $D(\min M, V(z)) \leq M\pi$ . Then by Lemma 3,  $V(z) = V_G^{\alpha}(z) + V_{G'}^{\beta}(z)$ , where  $G' = E[z \in R: G(z, q) < k]$ .

Then 
$$V_{G'}^{m eta}(q) \leq rac{k}{2}$$
.

Clearly  $V(z) \ge V_G^{\alpha}(z)$  and  $V(z) \ge V_{G'}^{\beta}(z) \ge 0$ . If  $V_{G'}^{\beta}(z) = 0$ , our assertion is trivial. Suppose  $V_{G'}^{\beta}(z) > 0$ . Then by Theorem 3,  $V_{G'}^{\beta}(z)$  is also a generalized Green's function such that  $D(\min((M, V_{G'}^{\beta}(z)) \le M\pi)$ . Next by Lemma 3

 $V_{G'}^{\beta}(z) = H(z) = \lim_{\mathcal{M}=\infty} \lim_{n} H_{G'}^{M}(z) \text{ and } H(z) \ge H_{G'}^{M}(z) = \lim_{n} H_{G'}^{M}(z).$ 

Hence by Theorem 5

$$\int_{\partial(D_M \cap G')} \frac{\partial}{\partial n} H^M_{G'}(z) ds \leq \int_{\partial D_M} \frac{\partial}{\partial n} H(z) ds \leq \pi$$
 (4)

where  $D_M = E[z \in R: H(z) > M]$ .

Since  $g_{\delta} = E[z \in R : H_{G'}^{M}(z) > \delta] \subset E[z \in R : H(z) > \delta]$ ,  $(E[z \in R : H_{G'}^{M}(z) > L] =) D_{L} \cap G'$  determines a set of the boundary of capacity zero for  $L > \delta$  by Theorem 4. Hence by  $D(_{G'}^{M}H(z)) < \infty$  over  $R - R_{0} - (D_{M} \cap G')$ , we can prove as in Theorem 5

$$\int_{\Gamma_{\delta}} \frac{\partial}{\partial n} H_{G'}^{M}(z) ds = - \int_{\partial(D_{M} \cap G')} \frac{\partial}{\partial n} H_{G'}^{M}(z) ds ,$$

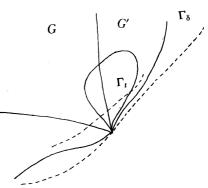
where  $\Gamma_{\delta} = E[z \in R : H_{G'}^{M}(z) = \delta].$ 

Let  $G_{\delta}(z, q)$  be the Green's function of  $g_{\delta} \cap (R-R_0)$ . Then  $D(G_{\delta}(z, q)) < \infty$  over a neighbourhood of the ideal boundary. Hence there exists

a sequence of curves  $\{\Gamma_i\}$  such that  $\int_{\Gamma_i \cap D_M} \left| \frac{\partial}{\partial n} G_{\delta}(z, q) \right| ds \to 0$  as  $i \to \infty$  and

 $\{\Gamma_i\}$  clusters at the ideal boundary as  $i \to \infty$  and every  $\Gamma_i$  separates the boundary determined by  $D_M$  from q. Let  $C = \partial(D_M \cap G')$  and  $C_i$  be the part of  $C_i$  contained in the domain  $\exists q$  separated by  $\Gamma_i$  and  $C_i' = C - C_i$ . Then

$$\int_{C_i+C_i'+q+\Gamma_{\delta}} H^M_{G'}(z) \frac{\partial}{\partial n} G_{\delta}(z, q) ds = \int_{C+q+\Gamma_{\delta}} G_{\delta}(z, q) \frac{\partial}{\partial n} H^M_{G'}(z) ds,$$





$$M\int_{C_i+C_{i'}}\frac{\partial}{\partial n}G_{\delta}(z, q)ds + 2\pi H^M_{G'}(q) + \delta\int_{\Gamma_{\delta}}\frac{\partial}{\partial n}G_{\delta}(z, q)ds = \int_{C}G_{\delta}(z, q)\frac{\partial}{\partial n}H^M_{G'}(z)ds.$$

But the first term of the left hand side  $\rightarrow 0$  as  $i \rightarrow \infty$  and the remaining terms don't depend on *i*. Hence by letting  $\delta \rightarrow 0$  and by  $G_{\delta}(z, q) \uparrow G(z, q)$ , we have

$$2\pi H^M_{G'}(q) = \int\limits_C G(z, q) \frac{\partial}{\partial_n} H^M_{G'}(z) ds \leq k\pi$$

because  $G(z, q) \leq k$  in G'. Then by letting  $M \rightarrow \infty$ 

$$H(q) = V_{G'}^{\beta}(q) \leq \frac{k}{2}.$$

Put  $V_G^{\alpha}(z) = V^{*k}(z)$  and  $V_{G'}^{\beta}(z) = V'^{k}(z)$ . Then by Theorem 6,  $V'^{k}(z) \rightarrow 0$  as  $k \rightarrow 0$ . Then we have

**Theorem 7.** Every generalized Green's function V(z) is divided into two parts such that

$$V(z) = V^{*k}(z) + V'^{k}(z) \text{ and } V(z) = \lim_{k \neq 0} V^{*k}(z)$$
.

Remark.  $K(z, p_i) = \frac{G(z, p_i)}{G(p_0, p_i)}$  ( $p_0$  is a fiexed point) is a positive harmonic function. Martin<sup>8)</sup> defined *ideal boundary points* by using above functions and prove that every positive harmonic function is representable

<sup>8)</sup> R. S. Martin: Minimal positive harmonic functions. Trans. Amer. Math. Soc. 39, 1941.

by a unique mass distribution  $\nu$  as follows:  $\int_{B_1} K(z, p) d\nu(p)$ , where  $B_1$  is the set of minimal points. If  $\overline{\lim_{i \to \infty}} G(p_i, q) > 0$  as  $p_i$  tends to a boundary point p and  $K(z, p_i) \to K(z, p)$ , we call p an irregular boundary point. In this case, K(z, p) is a constant multiple of  $G(z, p) = \lim_{i} G(z, p_i)$ . We denote by  $I_k$  the set of Martin's boundary point p such that  $\lim_{x \to p} G(z, q) \ge k$ . Then  $V^{*k}(z)$  is represented by a mass distribution  $\nu$  on  $I_k$ . Hence by Theorem 8 a generalized Green's function is represented by a mass distribution  $\nu$  on  $I = \bigcup_{k \ge 0} I_k$ .

**Theorem 8.** Let W(z) be a positive harmonic in  $R-R_0$  and superharmonic function in  $\overline{R-R_0}$  vanishing on  $\partial R_0$ . Then

$$W(z) = \int N(z, p) d\mu(p) = \int U(z, p) d\mu(p) + \int V(z, p) d\mu(p) = U(z) + V(z) ,$$

where  $U(z) = \int U(z, p)d\mu(p)$  is a harmonic function representable by Poisson's integral and  $V(z) = \int V(z, p)d\mu(p)$  is a generalized Green's function.

Since  $0 < U(z, p) \leq N(z, p)$ , family  $\{U(z, p)\}$  is uniformly bounded in every compact domain in  $R-R_0$  and the partial derivatives of them are equicontinuous and  $\Delta U(z, p) = 0$ , hence U(z) and V(z) are harmonic in  $R-R_0$ .

For a harmonic function H(z) define  $H^M(z) = \lim_n H_n^M(z)$ , where  $H_n^M(z)$ is a harmonic function in  $R_n - R_0$  such that  $H_n^M(z) = \min(M, H(z))$  on  $\partial R_0 + \partial R_n$ . Then clealry  ${}^M(H^M(z)) = H^M(z)$ . Since  $0 < U(z, p) \le N(z, p)$ and  $U^M(z) \uparrow U(z, p)$  as  $M \uparrow \infty$ , whe have

$$U(z) = \int U(z, p) d\mu(p) = \lim_{M \to \infty} \int U^{M}(z, p) d\mu(p) \leq \lim_{M \to \infty} \int \left[ \int N(z, p) d\mu(p) \right]$$
$$= \lim_{M \to \infty} \lim_{n} W^{M}_{n}(z),$$

where  $W_n^M(z)$  is a harmonic function in  $R-R_0$  such that  $W_n^M(z) = \min(M, W(z))$  on  $\partial R_0 + \partial R_n$ . Now  $\lim_{M \to \infty} \lim_n W_n^M(z) = W^p(z)$  is representable by Poisson's integral.  $0 < U(z) \le W^p(z)$  implies the Poisson's integrability of U(z).

By the Remark  $V(z, p) = \int_{I} K(z, q) d\nu(q)$ , whence  $V(z) = \int V(z, p) d\mu(p)$ =  $\int_{I} K(z, q) d\lambda(q)$ . Hence there exist  $n_0$  and  $k_0$  such that  $\int V(z, p) d\mu(p) < \int_{I_k} K(z, q) d\lambda(q) + \varepsilon$  (5)

for  $z \in R_n - R_0$ ,  $n < n_0$  and  $k < k_0$  for any given positive number  $\mathcal{E}$ , where  $\lambda'$  is the restriction of  $\lambda$  on  $I_k$ .

Denote by  $(\int_{I_k} K(z, q)d\lambda'(q))_{I_k}^n$  the lower envelope of superharmonic functions larger than  $\int_{I_k} K(z, q)d\lambda'(q)$  in  $G \cap (R-R_0)$ . Put  $(\int_{I_k} K(z, q)d\lambda'(q))_{I_k}$  $= \lim_n (\int_{I_k} K(z, q)d\lambda'(q))_{I_k}^n$ . Then as in Lemma 3 and Theorem 2 it is proved that  $(\int_{I_k} K(z, q)d\lambda'(q)) = (\int_{I_k} K(z, q)d\lambda'(q))_{I_k}$  and  $(\int_{I_k} K(z, q)d\lambda'(q))$  has angular limits = 0 a. e. on the ideal boundary<sup>9</sup>. In (5) let  $\varepsilon \to 0$ . Then  $\int K(z, q)d\lambda(q) = \int V(z, p)d\mu(p)$  has angular limits = 0 a.e. on the ideal boundary. Hence  $U(z) = \int U(z, p)d\mu(p)$  has the same angular limits as  $\int N(z, p)d\mu(p)$  a.e. on the ideal bounary. Thus by Poisson's integrability of U(z) and  $W^p(z)$ , we have  $U(z) \equiv W^p(z)$  and  $W(z) - W^p(z) \equiv \int V(z, p)d\mu(p)$ . Now  $W(z) - W^p(z) = \lim_{M'=\infty} \lim_n W'_n^{M'}(z)$ , where  $W'_n^{M'}(z)$  is a harmonic function in  $R_n - R_0$  such that  $W'_n^{M'}(z) = 0$  on  $\partial R_0$  and  $W'_n^{M'}(z) = W(z) - W_n^{M'}(z)$  on  $\partial R_n$ . Since N(z, p) is a continuous function of p for  $z \in R$ , there exists a sequence  $\{W_m(z)\}$   $(m=1, 2, \cdots)$  of the form  $W_m(z) = \sum_{i=1}^m c_i N(z, p_i)(c_i > 0,$  $\sum c_i = \mu_0 = \int d\mu(p)$  such that  $W_m(z) \to W(z)$  in  $R - R_0$ . On the other hand, let  $V_{n,m}^{M'}(z) = \min(W^m(z) - M', 0)$  on  $\partial R_n$ . Then there exists a sequence  $\{V_{n,m}(z)\}$  which converges to lim  $W'_n^{M'}(z)$  as  $n \to \infty$  and  $m \to \infty$ .

Since  $V_{n,m}^{M'}(z)$  is constructed from  $W_m(z) = \sum_{i=1}^{m} c_i N(z, p)$ , we can prove by the method used for V(z, p) and N(z, p) that  $D(\min(M, V_{n,m}^{M'}(z)) \leq 4\pi(\sum_{i=1}^{m} c_i)M'$  for M' < M. Hence by letting  $n \to \infty$ ,  $m \to \infty$  and  $M \to \infty$ we have

$$D(\min(M', V(z)) = D(\min(M', \lim_{n} \lim_{m} V_{n,m}^{M'}(z)))$$
$$\leq \lim_{M \to \infty} \lim_{m,n} D(\min(M', V_{n,m}^{M}(z))) \leq 4\pi (\sum c_i) M'.$$

Hence  $\int V(z, p) d\mu(p)$  is a generalized Green's function. We have Theorem 8.

**Lemma 5.** Let V(z) be a generalized Green's function in  $R-R_0$  such

<sup>9)</sup> We map the universal covering surface of  $(\mathbf{R}-\mathbf{R}_0)$  onto  $|\zeta| < 1$ . If the function U(z) has angular limits=0 a.e. on the image of the ideal boundary on  $|\zeta|=1$ . We say simply U(z) has angular limits=0 a.e. on the ideal boundary.

that  $D(\min(M, V(z)) \leq M\pi$ . Then there exists a uniquely determined generalized Green's function  $V^*(z)$  in R such that  $D(\min(M, V^*(z)) \leq M\pi$  and  $\sup(V^*(z)) - V(z)) \leq \infty$ .

Since  $\partial R_0$  is compact, there exists a contant L such that  $0 < \frac{\partial}{\partial n} V(z) \le L$  on  $\partial R_0$ . Let  $\omega(z)$  be a positive bounded harmonic function in  $R - R_0$  such that  $\omega(z) = 1$  on  $\partial R_0$  and  $\omega(z)$  has angular limits = 0. a. e. on the ideal boundary of  $R - R_0$ . Put  $\tilde{\omega}(z) \equiv 1$  in  $R_0$  and  $\tilde{\omega}(z) \equiv \omega(z)$  in  $R - R_0$ . Then  $V(z) + K\tilde{\omega}(z)(K > L)$  is a superharmonic function in R. Let  $V_n^*(z)$  be a harmonic function in  $R_n$  such that  $V_n^*(z) = V(z)$  on  $\partial R_n$ . Then  $V(z) < V_n^*(z) \le V(z) + K\omega(z)$ . Choose a subsequence  $(n_1, n_2, , \cdots)$  so as  $V_n^*(z)$  converges to  $V^*(z)$ . Then

$$V(z) \leq V^*(z) \leq V(z) + K\tilde{\omega}(z)$$
.

Hence  $V^*(z)$  has angular limits =0 a.e. on the boundary of R and by sup  $(V^*(z) - V(z)) < \infty$ , we see that such  $V^*(z)$  does not depend on the above subsequence and  $V^*(z)$  is uniquely determined.

Clearly  $D(\min(M, V(z)) \leq D(\min(M+K, V(z)+K\omega(z)))$ , hence  $D(\min(M, V(z)) \leq 2D(\min(2M, V(z)) + 2D(\omega(z))) \leq 10\pi M$ , for large M.

But both  $E[z \in R-R_0, V^*(z) > \delta]$  and  $E[z \ni R-R_0, \omega(z) > \delta]$  determine sets of the boundary of capacity zero,<sup>10</sup> whence as in Theorem, we have

$$\int_{c} \frac{\partial}{\partial n} V^{*}(z) ds = k \leq 10\pi,$$

for every niveau curve C of V(z) and  $D(\min(M, V^*(z)) \le 10\pi M$  for every M. Thus  $V^*(z)$  is a generalized Green's function.

**Proof of Theorem 1.** Let  $W^*(z)$  be a harmonic and superharmonic function in  $\overline{R}$ . Let S(z) be a harmonic function in  $R-\overline{R_0}$  such that  $S(z) = W^*(z)$  on  $\partial R_0$  and S(z) has M.D.I. over  $R-R_0$ . Then S(z) is bounded and  $W^*(z) - S(z) = W(z) = U(z) + V(z)$  in  $R-R_0$  in Theorem 9. Let  $U_n^*(z)$  be a harmonic function in  $R_n$  such that  $U_n^*(z) = U(z) + S(z)$  on  $\partial R_n$ . Let  $V_n^*(z)$  be a harmonic function in Lemma 5. Then  $W^*(z) =$  $U_n^*(z) + V_n^*(z)$ . Choose a subsequence  $(n_1, n_2, \cdots)$  such that both  $U_n^*(z)$  and  $V_n^*(z)$  converge to  $U^*(z)$  and  $V^*(z)$  respectively. Then  $U^*(z)$  is representable by Poisson's integral and  $U^*(z)$  has angular limits as U(z) + S(z)a.e. on the boundary of  $R-R_0$ , whence  $U^*(z)$  does not depend on the above subsequence. Thus  $W^*(z) = U^*(z) + V^*(z)$ .

<sup>10)</sup> See 3) or Mass distributions. III (in this volume) (Properties of function theoretic equilibrium potential).

Apply our result to a unit-circle |z| < 1. Then we have the following

**Proposition.** Let U(z) be a logarithmic potential such that the total mass is bounded and whose mass does not exist in |z| < 1. Then the potential U(z) is representable by Poisson's integral in |z| < 1, because in this case |z|=1 consists of only regular points of the Green's function and V(z) = 0.

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