ON THE POTENTIAL TAKEN WITH RESPECT TO COMPLEX-VALUED KERNELS

MINORU MATSUDA

(Received December 24, 1971)

In the potential theory, we have two theorems called the existence theorem concerning the potential taken with respect to real-valued and symmetric kernels. They are stated as follows. Let K(X, Y) be a real-valued function defined in a locally compact Hausdorff space Ω , lower semi-continuous for any points X and Y, may be $+\infty$ for X = Y, always finite for $X \neq Y$ and bounded from above for X and Y belonging to disjoint compact sets of Ω respectively. For a given positive measure μ , the potential is defined by

$$K\mu(X) = \int K(X, Y)d\mu(Y),$$

and the K-energy of μ is defined by $\int K\mu(X)d\mu(X)$. A subset of Ω is said to be of positive K-transfinite diameter, when it charges a positive measure μ of finite K-energy with compact support, otherwise said to be of K-transfinite diameter zero. Let K(X, Y) be symmetric : K(X, Y) = K(Y, X) for any points X and Y. Then we have two following theorems.

Theorem A. Let F be a compact subset of positive K-transfinite diameter, and f(X) be a real-valued upper semi-continuous function with lower bound on F. Then, given any positive number a, there exist a positive measure μ supported by F and a real constant γ such that

(1)
$$\mu(F)=a$$
,

- (2) $K_{\mu}(X) \ge f(X) + \gamma$ on F with a possible exception of a set of K-transfinite diameter zero, and
- (3) $K\mu(X) \leq f(X) + \gamma$ on the support of μ .

Theorem B. In the above theorem, suppose the further conditions : K(X, Y) > 0 and inf f(X) > 0 for any points X and Y of F. Then, given any compact subset F of positive K-transfinite diameter, there exists a positive measure μ supported by F such that

(1) $K_{\mu}(X) \ge f(X)$ on F with a possible exception of a set of K-transfinite diameter zero, and

(2) $K\mu(X) \leq f(X)$ on the support of μ .

Recently, N. Ninomiya ([5]) proved the existence theorems for the potential taken with respect to complex-valued and symmetric kernels and to complex-valued measures, which are the extension of the above theorems in the case of the real-valued kernels. We state them as follows. Let K(X, Y) be a complex-valued function defined in a locally compact Hausdorff space Ω . Let $k(X, Y) = \Re K(X, Y)$ be a function lower semi-continuous, symmetric, may be $+\infty$ for X=Y, always finite for $X \neq Y$ and bounded from above for X and Y belonging to disjoint compact sets of Ω respectively, and $n(X, Y) = \Im K(X, Y)$ be a finite continuous function satisfying that n(X, Y) = -n(Y, X) for any points X and Y of Ω . For any compact subset F and any positive numbers a and b, denote by $\mathfrak{M}(a, F, b)$ the family of all the complex-valued measures supported by F whose real parts and imaginary parts are positive measures with total mass a and b respectively, by $\mathfrak{M}(a, F)$ the family of all the complex-valued measures supported by F whose real parts are positive measures with total mass a and imaginary parts are any positive measures, by $\mathfrak{M}(F, b)$ the family of all the complex-valued measures supported by F whose real parts are any positive measures and imaginary parts are positive measures with total mass b, and by $\mathfrak{M}(F)$ the family of all the complex-valued measures supported by F whose real parts and imaginary parts are any positive measures. For any such measure α , the potential is defined by

$$K\alpha(X) = \int K(X, Y) d\alpha(Y).$$

Then we have two following theorems.

Theorem A'. Let F be a compact subset of positive k-transfinite diameter, and f(X) be a complex-valued function whose real part $\Re f(X)$ and imaginary part $\Im f(X)$ are upper semi-continuous functions with lower bound on F. Then, given any positive numbers a and b, there exist a measure α of $\mathfrak{M}(a, F, b)$ and a complex constant γ such that

- (1) $\Re K\alpha(X) \ge \Re \{f(X) + \gamma\}$ on F with a possible exception of a set of k-transfinite diameter zero,
- (2) $\Re K\alpha(X) \leq \Re \{f(X) + \gamma\}$ on the support of $\Re \alpha$,
- (3) $\Im K\alpha(X) \ge \Im \{f(X) + \gamma\}$ on F with a possible exception of a set of k-transfinite diameter zero, and
- (4) $\Im K\alpha(X) \leq \Im \{f(X) + \gamma\}$ on the support of $\Im \alpha$.

Theorem B'. In the above theorem, suppose the further conditions : k(X, Y) > 0, inf $\Re f(X) > 0$ and inf $\Im f(X) > 0$ for any points X and Y of F. Then, given any positive number a such that $a|n(X, Y)| < \Im f(X)$ for points X and Y of F, there exist a measure α of $\Re(a, F)$ and a real constant γ such that

- (1) $\Re K\alpha(X) \ge \Re \{f(X) + \gamma\}$ on F with a possible exception of a set of k-transfinite diameter zero,
- (2) $\Re K\alpha(X) \leq \Re \{f(X) + \gamma\}$ on the support of $\Re \alpha$,
- (3) $\Im K\alpha(X) \ge \Im f(X)$ on F with a possible exception of a set of k-transfinite diameter zero, and
- (4) $\Im K\alpha(X) \leq \Im f(X)$ on the support of $\Im \alpha$.

Similarly, given any positive number b such that $b|n(X, Y)| < \Re f(X)$ for points X and Y of F, there exist a measure α of $\mathfrak{M}(F, b)$ and a complex constant γ such that

- (1') $\Re K\alpha(X) \ge \Re f(X)$ on F with a possible exception of a set of k-transfinite diameter zero,
- (2') $\Re K\alpha(X) \leq \Re f(X)$ on the support of $\Re \alpha$,
- (3') $\Im K\alpha(X) \ge \Im \{f(X) + \gamma\}$ on F with a possible exception of a set of k-transfinite diameter zero, and
- (4') $\Im K\alpha(X) \leq \Im \{f(X) + \gamma\}$ on the support of $\Im \alpha$.

In this paper we are going to extend these existence theorems to the potential taken with respect to complex-valued kernels and to complex-valued measures, under an additional condition of the continuity principle for the adjoint kernel.

Let K(X, Y) be a complex-valued function, not always symmetric, defined in a locally compact Hausdorff space Ω . Let $k(X, Y) = K\Re(X, Y)$ be a function lower semi-continuous, may be $+\infty$ for X = Y, always finite for $X \neq Y$ and $n(X, Y) = \Im K(X, Y)$ be a finite continuous function. For any positive measure μ , consider the adjoint potential defined by

$$\check{k}\mu(X) = \int \check{k}(X, Y)d\mu(Y) = \int k(Y, X)d\mu(Y).$$

Then, we have two following theorems.

Theorem 1. Let F be a compact subset of positive k-transfinite diameter, and f(X) be a complex-valued function whose real part $\Re f(X)$ and imaginary part $\Im f(X)$ are upper semi-continuous functions with lower bound on F, and a and b be two positive numbers. If the adjoint kernel $\check{k}(X, Y) = k(Y, X)$ satisfies the continuity principle¹, there exist a measure α of $\mathfrak{M}(a, F, b)$ and a complex constant γ such that

(1) $\Re K\alpha(X) \ge \Re \{f(X) + \gamma\}$ on F with a possible exception of a set of k-transfinite diameter zero,

¹⁾ We say that k(X, Y) satisfies the continuity principle when for any positive measure μ with compact support, the following implication holds: (the restriction of $k\mu(X)$ to the support of μ is finite and continuous)= $(k\mu(X)$ is finite and continuous in the whole space \mathcal{Q}).

M. MATSUDA

- (2) $\Re K\alpha(X) \leq \Re \{f(X) + \gamma\}$ on the support of $\Re \alpha$,
- (3) $\Im K\alpha(X) \ge \Im \{f(X) + \gamma\}$ on F with a possible exception of a set of k-transfinite diameter zero, and
- (4) $\Im K\alpha(X) \leq \Im \{f(X) + \gamma\}$ on the support of $\Im \alpha$.

Theorem 2. In the above theorem, suppose the further conditions : k(X, Y) > 0, inf $\Re f(X) > 0$, and inf $\Im f(X) > 0$ for any points X and Y of F. Then, there exist a measure α of $\mathfrak{M}(F)$ and a real constant γ such that

- (1) $\Re K\alpha(X) \ge \Re \{f(X) + \gamma\}$ on F with a possible exception of a set of k-transfinite diameter zero,
- (2) $\Re K\alpha(X) \leq \Re \{f(X) + \gamma\}$ on the support of $\Re \alpha$.
- (3) $\Im K\alpha(X) \ge \Im f(X)$ on F with a possible exception of a set of k-transfinite diameter zero, and
- (4) $\Im K\alpha(X) \leq \Im f(X)$ on the support of $\Im \alpha$.

Similarly, there exist a measure α of $\mathfrak{M}(F)$ and a pure imaginary constant γ such that

- (1') $\Re K\alpha(X) \ge \Re f(X)$ on F with a possible exception of a set of k-transfinite diameter zero,
- (2') $\Re K\alpha(X) \leq \Re f(X)$ on the support of $\Re \alpha$,
- (3') $\Im K\alpha(X) \ge \Im \{f(X) + \gamma\}$ on F with a possible exception of a set of k-transfinite diameter zero, and
- (4') $\Im K\alpha(X) \leq \Im \{f(X) + \gamma\}$ on the support of $\Im \alpha$.

Before we prove the theorems, we prepare some lemmas.

Lemma 1. Let μ be a positive measure with compact support. If the adjoint kernel $\check{k}(X, Y)$ satisfies the continuity principle, the set $E = \{X | k\mu(X) = +\infty\}$ of Ω is of k-transfinite diameter zero.

Lemma 2. Let F be a compact subset, and f(X) be a complex-valued function whose real part $\Re f(X)$ and imaginary part $\Im f(X)$ are upper semi-continuous functions with lower bound on F respectively, and a and b be two positive numbers. If the real part k(X, Y) of K(X, Y) is a finite continuous function defined in Ω , there exist a measure α of $\Re(a, F, b)$ and a complex constant γ such that

(1) $\Re K\alpha(X) \geq \Re \{f(X) + \gamma\}$ on F,

- (2) $\Re K\alpha(X) = \Re \{f(X) + \gamma\}$ on the support of $\Re \alpha$,
- (3) $\Im K\alpha(X) \ge \Im \{f(X) + \gamma\}$ on F, and
- (4) $\Im K\alpha(X) = \Im \{f(X) + \gamma\}$ on the support of $\Im \alpha$.

Lemma 3. In above Lemma 2, suppose the further conditions : k(X, Y) > 0, inf $\Re f(X) > 0$, and inf $\Im f(X) > 0$ for any points X and Y of F and both $\Re f(X)$ and $\Im f(x)$ are finite and continuous. Then, there exist a measure α of $\mathfrak{M}(F)$ and a real constant γ such that

- (1) $\Re K\alpha(X) \ge \Re \{f(X) + \gamma\}$ on F,
- (2) $\Re K\alpha(X) = \Re \{f(X) + \gamma\}$ on the support of $\Re \alpha$,
- (3) $\Im K\alpha(X) \ge \Im f(X)$ on F, and
- (4) $\Im K\alpha(X) = \Im f(X)$ on the support of $\Im \alpha$.

Lemma 4. In above Theorem 2, suppose the further conditions : both $\Re f(X)$ and $\Im f(X)$ are finite and continuous. Then, there exist a measure α of $\mathfrak{M}(F)$ and a real constant γ such that

- (1) $\Re K\alpha(X) \ge \Re \{f(X) + \gamma\}$ on F with a possible exception of a set of k-transfinite diameter zero,
- (2) $\Re K\alpha(X) \leq \Re \{f(X) + \gamma\}$ on the support of $\Re \alpha$,
- (3) $\Im K\alpha(X) \ge \Im f(X)$ on F with a possible exception of a set of k-transfinite diameter zero, and
- (4) $\Im K\alpha(X) \leq \Im f(X)$ on the support of $\Im \alpha$.

Proof of Lemma 1. Let the set E be of positive k-transfinite diameter. $\check{k}(X, Y)$ satisfying the continuity principle, there exists a positive measure σ such that

- (a) the compact support of σ is contained in the set E, and
- (b) $k\sigma(X)$ is finite and continuous in the whole space Ω .

Hence we have

 $\int k\mu(X)d\sigma(X) = +\infty$, that is, $\int \dot{k}\sigma(X)d\mu(X) = +\infty$, which is a contradiction.

Proof of Lemma 2. For any positive number c, denote by m(c, F) the set of all positive measures supported by F with total mass c. We define the point-to-set mapping φ on the product space $m(a, F) \times m(b, F)$ into $\mathfrak{F}(m(a, F) \times m(b, F))$ which is the family of all closed convex subsets in $m(a, F) \times m(b, F)$. For any $\alpha = \mu + i\nu$, that is, $\alpha = (\mu, \nu)$ of $m(a, F) \times m(b, F)$, φ is defined as follows.

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi((\mu, \nu)) &= \{ (\lambda, \tau) \in m(a, F) \times m(b, F) | \\ f(k\mu(X) - n\nu(X) - \Re f(X)) d\lambda(X) + f(k\nu(X) + n\mu(X) - \Im f(X)) d\tau(X) \\ &= \inf \left(f(k\mu(X) - n\nu(X) - \Re f(X)) d\xi(X) + f(k\nu(X) + n\mu(X) - \Im f(X)) d\eta(X) \right| \\ (\xi, \eta) &\in m(a, F) \times m(b, F) \}. \end{aligned}$$

Obviously $\varphi((\mu, \nu)) \neq \phi$. For, putting

$$d = \inf \left(\int (k\mu(X) - n\nu(X) - \Re f(X)) d\xi(X) + \int (k\nu(X) + n\mu(X) - \Im f(X)) d\eta(X) \right|$$

($\xi, \eta \in m(a, F) \times m(b, F)$), there exist sequences of

 $\xi_n \in m(a, F)$ and $\eta_n \in m(b, F)$ such that

M. MATSUDA

 $\begin{aligned} & \int (k\mu(X) - n\nu(X) - \Re f(X)) d\xi_n(X) + \int (k\nu(X) + n\mu(X) - \Im f(X)) d\eta_n(X) \to d. \end{aligned} \text{ As we} \\ & \text{have vaguely convergent subnets } \xi_{n_k} \in m(a, F) \text{ and } \eta_{n_k} \in m(b, F) \text{ such that} \\ & \xi_{n_k} \to \xi_0 \text{ and } \eta_{n_k} \to \eta_0, \text{ there holds } \varphi((\mu, \nu)) \supseteq (\xi_0, \eta_0). \end{aligned} \text{ Moreover } \varphi((\mu, \nu)) \text{ is upper semi-continuous in the following sense : if nets } \{\delta_\alpha \mid \alpha \in D, \text{ a directed set}\} \text{ and} \\ & \{\zeta_\alpha \mid \alpha \in D\} \text{ converge to } \delta \text{ and } \zeta \text{ with respect to the product topology respectively,} \\ & \text{ and if } \delta_\alpha \in \varphi(\zeta_\alpha) \text{ for any } \alpha \in D, \text{ then } \delta \in \varphi(\zeta). \text{ In fact, if we put } \delta_\alpha = (\lambda_\alpha, \tau_\alpha), \\ & \zeta_\alpha = (\sigma_\alpha, \gamma_\alpha), \ \delta = (\lambda_0, \tau_0), \text{ and } \zeta = (\sigma_0, \gamma_0), \text{ we have} \end{aligned}$

$$\int (k\sigma_{a}(X) - n\gamma_{a}(X) - \Re f(X)) d\lambda_{a}(X) + \int (k\gamma_{a}(X) + n\sigma_{a}(X) - \Im f(X)) d\tau_{a}(X)$$

$$\leq \int (k\sigma_{a}(X) - n\gamma_{a}(X) - \Re f(X)) d\xi(X) + \int (k\gamma_{a}(X) + n\sigma_{a}(X) - \Im f(X)) d\eta(X)$$

for any $(\xi, \eta) \in m(a, F) \times m(b, F)$. By the limit process, we have

$$\begin{split} &\int (k\sigma_0(X) - n\gamma_0(X) - \Re f(X)) d\lambda_0(X) + \int (k\gamma_0(X) + n\sigma_0(X) - \Im f(X)) d\tau_0(X) \\ &\leq \int (k\sigma_0(X) - n\gamma_0(X) - \Re f(X)) d\xi(X) + \int (k\gamma_0(X) + n\sigma_0(X) - \Im f(X)) d\eta(X) \end{split}$$

for any $(\xi, \eta) \in m(a, F) \times m(b, F)$. Then we have $\delta \in \varphi(\zeta)$. Consequently, by the fixed point theorem of Fan and Glicksberg ([1]), there exists an element $\alpha = (\mu, \nu) \in m(a, F) \times m(b, F)$ such that $\varphi((\mu, \nu)) \ni (\mu, \nu)$. Hence we have

$$\int (k\mu(X) - n\nu(X) - \Re f(X)) d\mu(X) + \int (k\nu(X) + n\mu(X) - \Im f(X)) d\nu(X)$$

$$\leq \int (k\mu(X) - n\nu(X) - \Re f(X)) d\xi(X) + \int (k\nu(X) + n\mu(X) - \Im f(X)) d\eta(X)$$

for any $(\xi, \eta) \in m(a, F) \times m(b, F)$. If we put

$$\gamma_1 = \frac{1}{a} \int (k\mu(X) - n\nu(X) - \Re f(X)) d\mu(X),$$

and

$$\gamma_2 = \frac{1}{b} \int (k\nu(X) + n\mu(X) - \Im f(X)) d\nu(X), \text{ we have}$$
$$\int (k\mu(X) - n\nu(X) - \Re f(X) - \gamma_1) d\xi(X) + \int (k\nu(X) + n\mu(X) - \Im f(X) - \gamma_2) d\eta(X) \ge 0$$

for any $(\xi, \eta) \in m(a, F) \times m(b, F)$. The existence of a positive measure $\xi_0 \in m(a, F)$ with $f(k\mu(X) - n\nu(X) - \Re f(X) - \gamma_1) d\xi_0(X) < 0$ leads us to a contradiction as follows. For any signed measure τ_0 supported by F with total mass zero such that $\eta = \nu + \varepsilon \tau_0$ is a positive measure for any positive number $\varepsilon(<1)$, we have

$$\int (k\mu(X) - n\nu(X) - \Re f(X) - \gamma_1) d\xi_0(X) \\ + \mathcal{E} \int (k\nu(X) + n\mu(X) - \Im f(X) - \gamma_2) d\tau_0(X) \ge 0.$$

Making $\mathcal{E} \rightarrow 0$, we have a contradiction. So we have

$$\int (k\mu(X) - n\nu(X) - \Re f(X) - \gamma_1) d\xi(X) \ge 0 \text{ for any } \xi \in m(a, F).$$

By the same way as above, we have

POTENTIAL TAKEN WITH RESPECT TO COMPLEX-VALUED KERNELS

$$f(k\nu(X)+n\mu(X)-\Im f(X)-\gamma_2)d\eta(X)\geq 0 \quad \text{for any } \eta\in m(b, F).$$

By these inequalities, we have

(1) $k\mu(X) - n\nu(X) \ge \Re f(X) + \gamma_1$ on F,

(2) $k\mu(X) - n\nu(X) = \Re f(X) + \gamma_1$ on the support of μ ,

(3) $k\nu(X) + n\mu(X) \ge \Im f(X) + \gamma_2$ on F, and

(4) $k\nu(X) + n\mu(X) = \Im f(X) + \gamma_2$ on the support of ν .

Consequently for a complex-valued measure $\alpha = \mu + i\nu$ of $\mathfrak{M}(a, F, b)$ and a complex constant $\gamma = \gamma_1 + i\gamma_2$, we have

(1) $\Re K\alpha(X) \ge \Re \{f(X) + \gamma\}$ on F,

(2) $\Re K\alpha(X) = \Re \{f(X) + \gamma\}$ on the support of $\Re \alpha$,

(3) $\Im K\alpha(X) \ge \Im \{f(X) + \gamma\}$ on F, and

(4) $\Im K \alpha(X) = \Im \{f(X) + \gamma\}$ on the support of $\Im \alpha$.

Thus the proof is completed.

Proof of Lemma 3. Putting $k'(X, Y) = k(X, Y)/\Im f(X)$ and $n'(X, Y) = n(X, Y)/\Im f(X)$, k'(X, Y) snd n'(X, Y) are finite continuous functions, and k'(X, Y) > 0 for any points X and Y of F. Taking a positive number a which is less than

$$\frac{\min\{k(X, Y) | X \in F, Y \in F\} \cdot \min\{\Im f(X) | X \in F\}}{\max\{|n(X, Y)| | X \in F, Y \in F\} \cdot \max\{\Im f(X) | X \in F\}},$$

we have $f(k'\nu(X) + n'\mu(X))d\nu(X) > 0$ for any $(\mu, \nu) \in m(a, F) \times m(1, F)$. For this positive number a we consider the point-to-set mapping φ defined on m(a, F) $\times m(1, F)$ into $\mathfrak{F}(m(a, F) \times m(1, F))$ which is the family of all closed convex subsets in $m(a, F) \times m(1, F)$. For any $(\mu, \nu) \in m(a, F) \times m(1, F)$, φ is defined as follows.

$$\begin{split} \varphi((\mu, \nu)) &= \{ (\lambda, \tau) \in m(a, F) \times m(1, F) | \\ f(k\mu(X) - n\nu(X) - f(k'\nu(X) + n'\mu(X))d\nu(X) \cdot \Re f(X))d\lambda(X) + \\ f(k'\nu(X) + n'\mu(X))d\tau(X) &= \inf (f(k\mu(X) - n\nu(X) - \\ f(k'\nu(X) + n'\mu(X))d\nu(X) \cdot \Re f(X))d\xi(X) + \\ f(k'\nu(X) + n'\mu(X))d\eta(X) | (\xi, \eta) \in m(a, F) \times m(1, F)) \} \end{split}$$

Obviously $\varphi((\mu, \nu))$ is a non-empty closed convex subset and φ is upper semicontinuous as in Lemma 2. Hence, by the fixed point theorem of Fan and Glicksberg, there exists an element $(\mu_0, \nu_0) \in m(a, F) \times m(1, F)$ such that $\varphi((\mu_0, \nu_0)) \ni (\mu_0, \nu_0)$. Then we have

$$\begin{split} & \int (k\mu_0(X) - n\nu_0(X) - \int (k'\nu_0(X) + n'\mu_0(X))d\nu_0(X) \cdot \Re f(X))d\mu_0(X) + \\ & \int (k'\nu_0(X) + n'\mu_0(X))d\nu_0(X) \leq \int (k\mu_0(X) - n\nu_0(X) - \\ & \int (k'\nu_0(X) + n'\mu_0(X))d\nu_0(X) \cdot \Re f(X))d\xi(X) + \int (k'\nu_0(X) + n'\mu_0(X))d\eta(X) \end{split}$$

for any $(\xi, \eta) \in m(a, F) \times m(1, F)$. Putting

$$\gamma_{1} = \frac{1}{a} \cdot f(k\mu_{0}(X) - n\nu_{0}(X) - f(k'\nu_{0}(X) + n'\mu_{0}(X)) d\nu_{0}(X) \cdot \Re f(X)) d\mu_{0}(X),$$

and

$$egin{aligned} &\gamma_2 = f(k'
u_0(X) + n' \mu_0(X)) d
u_0(X), ext{ we have} \ &\int (k \mu_0(X) - n
u_0(X) - f(k'
u_0(X) + n' \mu_0(X)) d
u_0(X) \cdot \Re f(X) - \gamma_1) d \xi(X) + &\int (k'
u_0(X) + n' \mu_0(X) - \gamma_2) d \eta(X) &\geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

for any $(\xi, \eta) \in m(a, F) \times m(1, F)$. By the same way as Lemma 2, we have two following inequalities.

- (1) $\int (k\mu_0(X) n\nu_0(X) \int (k'\nu_0(X) + n'\mu_0(X))d\nu_0(X) \cdot \Re f(X) \gamma_1)d\xi(X) \ge 0$ for any $\xi \in m(a, F)$, and
- (2) $f(k'\nu_0(X)+n'\mu_0(X)-\gamma_2)d\eta(X)\geq 0 \text{ for any } \eta\in m(1, F).$

From these inequalities we have

- (1) $k\mu_0(X) n\nu_0(X) \gamma_2 \cdot \Re f(X) \ge \gamma_1 \text{ on } F$,
- (2) $k\mu_0(X) n\nu_0(X) \gamma_2 \cdot \Re f(X) = \gamma_1$ on the support of μ_0 ,
- (3) $k'\nu_0(X) + n'\mu_0(X) \ge \gamma_2$ on F, and
- (4) $k'\nu_0(X) + n'\mu_0(X) = \gamma_2$ on the support of ν_0 .

By the property of the number a, γ_2 is strictly positive. Putting $\mu = \frac{\mu_0}{\gamma_2}$, $\nu = \frac{\nu_0}{\gamma_2}$

and $\gamma = \frac{\gamma_1}{\gamma_2}$, we have

- (1) $k\mu(X) n\nu(X) \ge \Re f(X) + \gamma$ on F,
- (2) $k\mu(X) n\nu(X) = \Re f(X) + \gamma$ on the support of μ ,
- (3) $k\nu(X) + n\mu(X) \ge \Im f(X)$ on F, and
- (4) $k\nu(X) + n\mu(X) = \Im f(X)$ on the support of ν .

Thus, the measure $\alpha = \mu + i\nu$, and the real constant γ are what Lemma 3 needs.

Proof of Lemma 4. As k(X, Y) is a lower semi-continuous function such that $\inf \{k(X, Y) | (X, Y) \in F \times F\} = 2p > 0$, there exists an increasing net $\{k_m(X, Y) | m \in D$, a directed set} of finite continuous functions such that $\lim_m k_m$ (X, Y) = k(X, Y) and $k_m(X, Y) > p$ for any points X and Y of F. Taking a positive number a which is less than

$$\frac{p \cdot \min\{\Im f(X) | X \in F\}}{\max\{\Im f(X) | X \in F\} \cdot \max\{|n(X, Y)| | (X, Y) \in F \times F\}},$$

by Lemma 3, there exist measures $\alpha_m = \mu_m + i\nu_m \in \mathfrak{M}(a, F, 1)$ and real constants γ_m and γ'_m such that

- (1) $k_m \mu_m(X) n\nu_m(X) \gamma'_m \cdot \Re f(X) \ge \gamma_m \text{ on } F$,
- (2) $k_m \mu_m(X) n\nu_m(X) \gamma'_m \cdot \Re f(X) = \gamma_m$ on the support of μ_m ,

- (3) $k'_m \nu_m(X) + n' \mu_m(X) \ge \gamma'_m$ on F, and
- (4) $k'_m \nu_m(X) + n' \mu_m(X) = \gamma'_m$ on the support of ν_m .

In the first place, we are going to see the boundedness of the net $\{\gamma'_m | m \in D\}$. Obviously $\gamma'_m > 0$ for any *m*. Supposing that $\overline{\lim} \gamma'_m = +\infty$, we can take a subnet $\{\gamma'_{m_i} | m_i \in D', \text{ a directed set} \}$ such that $\nu_{m_i} \rightarrow \nu, \ \mu_{m_i} \rightarrow \mu, \ \gamma'_{m_i} \rightarrow +\infty, \text{ and}$ $k_{m_i}(X, Y) \uparrow k(X, Y)$ along D' for any points X and Y of F. k'(X, Y) satisfying the continuity principle, we have, by the above inequality (3),

$$k'\nu(X) + n'\mu(X) \ge \lim_{m_i} k'_{m_i}\nu_{m_i}(X) + \lim_{m_i} n'\mu_{m_i}(X) \ge \lim_{m_i} \gamma'_{m_i} = +\infty$$

on F with a possible exception of a set of k-transfinite diameter zero. Then we have that $k\nu(X) = +\infty$ on F with a possible exception of a set of k-transfinite diameter zero, which is a contradiction by Lemma 1. Using the boundedness of the net $\{\gamma'_m | m \in D\}$, we can see the boundedness of the net $\{\gamma'_m | m \in D\}$ by the same way as above. Consequently, considering an adequate directed set E, we have that $\gamma'_{l_i} \rightarrow \gamma_2$, $\gamma_{l_i} \rightarrow \gamma_1$, $\mu_{l_i} \rightarrow \mu_0$, $\nu_{l_i} \rightarrow \nu_0$, and $k_{l_i}(X, Y) \uparrow k(X, Y)$ along E. Hence we have, by the same way as M. Kishi ([2] and [3])

- (1) $k\mu_0(X) n\nu_0(X) \gamma_2 \cdot \Re f(X) \ge \gamma_1$ on F with a possible exception of a set of k-transfinite diameter zero,
- (2) $k\mu_0(X) n\nu_0(X) \gamma_2 \cdot \Re f(X) \leq \gamma_1$ on the support of μ_0 ,
- (3) $k'\nu_0(X) + n'\mu_0(X) \ge \gamma_2$ on F with a possible exception of a set of k-transfinite diameter zero, and
- (4) $k'\nu_0(X) + n'\mu_0(X) \leq \gamma_2$ on the support of ν_0 .

By the property of the number a, γ_2 is strictly positive. Putting $\mu = \frac{\mu_0}{\gamma_2}$, $\nu = \frac{\nu_0}{\gamma_2}$,

and $\gamma = \frac{\gamma_1}{\gamma_1}$, we have

- (1) $k\mu(X) n\nu(X) \ge \Re f(X) + \gamma$ on F with a possible exception of a set of ktransfinite diameter zero,
- (2) $k\mu(X) n\nu(X) \leq \Re f(X) + \gamma$ on the support of μ ,
- (3) $k\nu(X) + n\mu(X) \ge \Im f(X)$ on F with a possible exception of a set of k-transfinite diameter zero, and
- (4) $k\nu(X) + n\mu(X) \leq \Im f(X)$ on the support of ν .

Thus, the measure $\alpha = \mu + i\nu$, and the real constant γ are what Lemma 4 needs. Finally, we prove the theorems.

Proof of Theorem 1. As k(X, Y) is a lower semi-continuous function such that $-\infty < k(X, Y) \leq +\infty$, there exists an increasing net $\{k_m(X, Y) | m \in D, a\}$ directed set} of finite continuous functions such that $\lim k_m(X, Y) = k(X, Y)$ for any points X and Y of F. Then, by Lemma 2, there exist measures $\alpha_m =$ $\mu_m + i\nu_m$ of $\mathfrak{M}(a, F, b)$ and complex constants $\gamma_m = \gamma'_m + i\gamma''_m$ such that

M. MATSUDA

- (1) $k_m \mu_m(X) n\nu_m(X) \ge \Re f(X) + \gamma'_m \text{ on } F$,
- (2) $k_m \mu_m(X) n\nu_m(X) = \Re f(X) + \gamma'_m$ on the support of μ_m ,
- (3) $k_m \nu_m(X) + n \mu_m(X) \ge \Im f(X) + \gamma_m''$ on F, and
- (4) $k_m \nu_m(X) + n \mu_m(X) = \Im f(X) + \gamma''_m$ on the support of ν_m .

By the same way as Lemma 4, there exist a measure $\alpha = \mu + i\nu$ of $\mathfrak{M}(a, F, b)$ and a complex constant $\gamma = \gamma_1 + i\gamma_2$ such that

- (1) $\Re K\alpha(X) \ge \Re \{f(X) + \gamma\}$ on F with a possible exception of a set of k-transfinite diameter zero,
- (2) $\Re K\alpha(X) \leq \Re \{f(X) + \gamma\}$ on the support of $\Re \alpha$,
- (3) $\Im K\alpha(X) \ge \Im \{f(X) + \gamma\}$ on F with a possible exception of a set of k-transfinite diameter zero, and
- (4) $\Im K\alpha(X) \leq \Im \{f(X) + \gamma\}$ on the support of $\Im \alpha$.

Proof of Theorem 2. Let $\{f_m(X) | m \in D\}$ and $\{g_m(X) | m \in D\}$ be decreasing nets of positive finite continuous functions on F such that $f_m(X) \downarrow \Re f(X)$ and $g_m(X) \downarrow \Im f(X)$. Taking an adequate positive number a, by Lemma 4, there exist measures $\alpha_m = \mu_m + i\nu_m$ of $\mathfrak{M}(a, F, 1)$ and real constants γ'_m and γ''_m such that

- (1) $k\mu_m(X) n\nu_m(X) \gamma''_m \cdot f_m(X) \ge \gamma'_m$ on F with a possible exception of a set of k-transfinite diameter zero,
- (2) $k\mu_m(X) n\nu_m(X) \gamma''_m \cdot f_m(X) \leq \gamma'_m$ on the support of μ_m ,
- (3) $k\nu_m(X) + n\mu_m(X) \ge \gamma''_m \cdot g_m(X)$ on F with a possible exception of a set of k-transfinite diameter zero, and
- (4) $k\nu_m(X) + n\mu_m(X) \leq \gamma_m'' \cdot g_m(X)$ on the support of ν_m .

By the same way as Lemma 4, there exist a measure $\alpha = \mu + i\nu$ of $\mathfrak{M}(F)$ and a real constant γ such that

- (1) $k\mu(X) n\nu(X) \ge \Re f(X) + \gamma$ on F with a possible exception of a set of k-transfinite diameter zero,
- (2) $k\mu(X) n \nu(X) \leq \Re f(X) + \gamma$ on the support of μ .
- (3) $k\nu(X) + n\mu(X) \ge \Im f(X)$ on F with a possible exception of a set of k-transfinite diameter zero, and
- (4) $k\nu(X) + n\mu(X) \leq \Im f(X)$ on the support of ν .

Thus, the measure $\alpha = \mu + i\nu$, and the real constant γ are what Theorem 2 needs. The analogous arguments will give us the latter part of Theorem 2.

Corollary. Let F be a compact subset of positive k-transfinite diameter, and f(X) be a real-valued upper semi-continuous function with lower bound on F, and a be a positive number. If the adjoint kernel $\check{k}(X, Y)$ satisfies the continuity principle, then there exist a measure μ of m(a, F) and a real constant γ such that

- (1) $k\mu(X) \ge f(X) + \gamma$ on F with a possible exception of a set of k-transfinite diameter zero, and
- (2) $k\mu(X) \leq f(X) + \gamma$ on the support of μ .

REMARK. In above Theorem 2, we can not always reduce the constant γ to zero. We may consider the following example : let Ω be a finite space consisting of two points X_1 and X_2 , and $\Re K(X, Y)$ and $\Im K(X, Y)$ be given by the matrices $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ respectively, and $\Re f(X)$ and $\Im f(X)$ be equal to 1 everywhere. Then, for the compact set $F = \Omega$, we have no measure α such that

- (1) $\Re K\alpha(X) \ge \Re f(X)$ on F, (2) $\Re K\alpha(X) = \Re f(X)$ on the support of $\Re \alpha$, (3) $\Im K\alpha(X) \ge \Im f(X)$ on F, and (4) $\Im K\alpha(X) \ge \Im f(X)$ on F and
- (4) $\Im K \alpha(X) = \Im f(X)$ on the support of $\Im \alpha$.

REMARK. Putting $n(X, Y) = \Im K(X, Y) \equiv 0$, we can assert that our Theorem 2 contains the existence theorem obtained by M. Kishi and M. Nakai ([2], [3] and [4]).

SHIZUOKA UNIVERSITY

References

- [1] K. Fan: Fixed-point and minimax theorems in locally convex topological linear spaces, Proc. Nat. Acad. Sci. U.S.A. 38 (1952), 121–126.
- [2] M. Kishi: Maximum principles in the potential theory, Nagoya Math. J. 23 (1963), 165-187.
- [3] M. Kishi: An existence theorem in potential theory, Nagoya Math. J. 27 (1966), 133-137.
- [4] M. Nakai: On the fundamental existence theorem of Kishi, Nagoya Math. J. 23 (1963), 189–198.
- [5] N. Ninomiya: On the potential taken with respect to complex-valued and symmetric kernels, Osaka J. Math. 9 (1972), 1–9.