

On a compactification of an open Riemann surface and its application

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Introduction

In this paper, we shall give a compactification (denoted by $R_{\mathfrak{F}}^*$) of an open Riemann surface R ($\notin 0_G$) such that HB -functions on R are extended continuously onto $R_{\mathfrak{F}}^*$. Likely as the Royden's compactification [15], the ideal boundary $R_{\mathfrak{F}}^* - R$ has the compact part (denoted by $\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}}$) with an important role with respect to HB -functions. After H. L. Royden, we shall call it the harmonic boundary of R , and it will be remarked in § 4 as the hyper Stone space (cf. [13]). In § 1, the compactification will be carried out by means of some family consisting of bounded continuous function on R . In § 2, some properties of $\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}}$ will be studied. In § 3, we shall study the generalized harmonic measure on R in relation to subsets of the harmonic boundary $\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}}$, where the generalized harmonic measure ω is characterized as follows: 1) $\omega \in HBP$, 2) $0 < \omega < 1$ and 3) $\omega \wedge (1 - \omega) = 0$ (cf. [5]). We shall define the harmonic measure Ω_{ω} with respect to a compact subset α of $\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}}$ by the same manner as did in [7] and we shall show that Ω_{ω} is the generalized harmonic measure and conversely a generalized harmonic measure is the harmonic measure with respect to a compact set of $\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}}$. And further we shall define the outer harmonic measure with respect to any subset of $\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}}$. We shall see that the outer harmonic measure is the Caratheodory outer measure with respect to the subsets of $\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}}$. In § 4, we shall introduce the integral representation of an HB -function. With

respect to HD -functions, the integral representation has been studied by M. Nakai [14]. We shall treat the integral representation of an HB -function in relation to the generalized harmonic measure. With respect to an unbounded HP -function, some results will be stated. In §5, we shall be concerned with the harmonic boundary of the class 0_{HB_n} (cf. [8], [3], [12]). The HB -minimal function will be characterized by the harmonic measure with respect to an isolated point of $\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}}$. The Bader-Parreau, Matsumoto's Theorem [2], [11] will be studied concerning to the harmonic boundary $\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}}$.

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1. Compactification of R ($\notin 0_G$).

Let $K: |z| < 1$ be a conformal image of the universal covering surface R^∞ of R and let $T(z)$ be the mapping from K onto R . We denote by \mathfrak{F} the family of real-valued bounded, continuous functions on R each of which has the radial limits in K for almost all $e^{i\theta}$. \mathfrak{F} is a normed space with a norm $\|f\| = \sup_r |f|$ ($f \in \mathfrak{F}$). The completeness of this space is verified by the following

Proposition 1.1. *Let $\{f_n\}$ be the Cauchy sequence with respect to the above norm. Then there exists the function $f(\in \mathfrak{F})$ such as $\|f - f_n\| \rightarrow 0$ ($n \rightarrow \infty$).*

Proof. It is evident that $\{f_n\}$ is an uniformly convergent sequence in the narrow sense. Let f be the limit function of the sequence. We can see easily that f belongs to \mathfrak{F} . (q.e.d.)

From this, we know that \mathfrak{F} is a normed ring with uniform norm $\|f\| = \sup_r |f|$ ($f \in \mathfrak{F}$). Let \mathfrak{F}_0 be the subfamily of \mathfrak{F} defined as follows: $f(\in \mathfrak{F})$ belongs to \mathfrak{F}_0 if and only if $\lim_{r \rightarrow 1} f(T(re^{i\theta})) = 0$ for almost all $e^{i\theta}$. It is evident that \mathfrak{F}_0 is an ideal of \mathfrak{F} . We denote by \mathfrak{F}_c the family of functions ($\in \mathfrak{F}$) whose carriers are compact respectively. \mathfrak{F}_c is an ideal of \mathfrak{F} and $\mathfrak{F}_c \subset \mathfrak{F}_0$. Let \mathfrak{M} be the family consisting of all maximal ideal of \mathfrak{F} and we put in \mathfrak{M}

the closure topology by the method of Gelfand [4]. Thus we have the compact Hausdorff space $R_{\mathfrak{F}}^*$. It is clear that $M_a = \{f \in \mathfrak{F}; f(a) = 0, (a \in R)\}$ is a maximal ideal and $M_a \neq M_{a'}$ for different points a, a' in R . Now we have a topological mapping T from R into $R_{\mathfrak{F}}^*$ such as $M_a = T(a)$. We can see easily that the image $T(R)$ of R is open and dense in $R_{\mathfrak{F}}^*$. From now on, $T(R)$ is denoted by R again. $R_{\mathfrak{F}}^* - R$ is called the ideal boundary of an open Riemann surface R and is denoted by $\Gamma_{\mathfrak{F}}$. $\Gamma_{\mathfrak{F}}$ consists of the maximal ideals containing the ideal \mathfrak{F}_c . The subset of $\Gamma_{\mathfrak{F}}$, consisting of the maximal ideals each of which contains \mathfrak{F}_0 , is denoted by $\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}}$. We call $\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}}$ the harmonic boundary of R after H. L. Royden.

Proposition 1.2. *Let f belong to \mathfrak{F} . Then $f(T(e^{i\theta}))$ is the measurable function with respect to $\theta (0 \leq \theta < 2\pi)$, where $f(T(e^{i\theta})) = \lim_{r \rightarrow 1} f(T(re^{i\theta}))$ for almost all $e^{i\theta}$.*

From this, we have the following

Proposition 1.3. *$f \in \mathfrak{F}$ has the following decomposition: $f = u + \varphi$ ($u \in HB, \varphi \in \mathfrak{F}_0$), and the decomposition is unique. With respect to the norm, $\|f\| \geq \|u\|$ holds.*

Proof. It is clear that

$$u = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(T(e^{i\theta})) \frac{1-r^2}{1+r^2-2r \cos(\theta-\varphi)} d\theta,$$

consequently $\|f\| \geq \|u\|$ holds. (q.e.d.)

On the Royden's compactification, we can see that the class HBD becomes a normed ring with the norm $\|u\| = \sqrt{D_R(u)} + \sup_R |u|$ ($u \in HBD$), provided that the multiplication is defined as follows: the multiplicative structure is defined by the projection π such as $f \in BD \xrightarrow{\pi} u \in HBD$, where u is the harmonic component of the orthogonal decomposition of f , (Royden. [15]). From this normed ring HBD with the above multiplicative structure, we can construct the compact Hausdorff space \mathfrak{H} by the method of Gelfand. The space \mathfrak{H} is homeomorph to Δ (Royden's harmonic boundary) [15]. We shall show later on that the same relations hold between HB -space and $\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}}$. For this purpose, we note the following

Theorem (Littlewood [9]). *Let*

$$w(z) = \int_{|a|<1} \log \left| \frac{1-\bar{a}z}{z-a} \right| d\mu(a)$$

where μ is a positive mass distribution in $|z|<1$, such that

$$\int_{|a|<1} (1-|a|)d\mu(a) < +\infty$$

Then $\lim_{r \rightarrow 1} w(re^{i\theta}) = 0$ for almost all $e^{i\theta}$, and $\lim_{r \rightarrow 1} \int_0^{2\pi} w(re^{i\theta})d\theta = 0$.

Theorem (Littlewood [10]). *Let $u(z)$ be subharmonic in $|z|<1$, such that*

$$\int_0^{2\pi} |u(re^{i\theta})|d\theta = 0(1), \quad 0 \leq r < 1,$$

then $u(z) = v(z) - w(z)$, where $v(z)$ is harmonic in $|z|<1$, such that

$$\int_0^{2\pi} |v(re^{i\theta})|d\theta = 0(1), \quad 0 \leq r < 1,$$

and

$$w(z) = \int_{|a|<1} \log \left| \frac{1-\bar{a}z}{z-a} \right| d\mu(a),$$

where μ is a positive mass distribution in $|z|<1$, such that

$$\int_{|a|<1} (1-|a|)d\mu(a) < +\infty.$$

Hence for almost all $e^{i\theta}$, $\lim_{r \rightarrow 1} u(re^{i\theta}) = u(e^{i\theta}) (\neq \infty)$ exists. $v(z)$ is the least harmonic majorant of u , such that if $v_\rho^*(z)$ be harmonic in $|z|<\rho<1$, such that $v_\rho^* = u$ on $|z| = \rho$, then $\lim_{\rho \rightarrow 1} v_\rho^*(z) = v(z)$.

From this, we know that the bounded subharmonic functions belong to \mathfrak{F} . Hence the bounded superharmonic functions belong to \mathfrak{F} .

Proposition 1.4. *Let M_{p^*} is the family of all HBD-functions such as $M_{p^*} = \{u \in \text{HBD}; u(p^*) = 0, (p^* \in \Delta_{\mathfrak{F}})\}$. Then M_{p^*} is a maximal ideal of the normed ring HBD, that is, M_{p^*} corresponds to a point of \mathfrak{S} . Conversely, a point \tilde{M}_q of \mathfrak{S} corresponds to a point of $\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}}$, that is, $\tilde{M}_q = M_{q^*}$ for some point $q^*(\in \Delta_{\mathfrak{F}})$.*

Proof. Let u be any element of M_{p^*} . Then $4uv = (u+v)^2 - (u-v)^2$ for any $v \in HBD$ and by the Royden's decomposition we have the following

$$\begin{aligned} (u+v)^2 &= w_1 + \varphi_1 \\ (u-v)^2 &= w_2 + \varphi_2, \quad (w_1, w_2 \in HBD, \varphi_1, \varphi_2 \in \bar{K}). \end{aligned}$$

Thus we know that $4uv = (w_1 - w_2) + (\varphi_1 - \varphi_2)$. We note that φ_1 and φ_2 are subharmonic respectively, hence φ_1 and φ_2 belong to \mathfrak{F} . To be exact, φ_1 and φ_2 belong to \mathfrak{F}_0 . From this we know that $\varphi_1 - \varphi_2$ vanishes at $p^* (\in \Delta_{\mathfrak{F}})$. Therefore $w_1 - w_2$ vanishes at p^* . This means that M_{p^*} is an ideal of the normed ring HBD , because $w_1 - w_2 = \pi(uv)$ ($\pi : \text{Proj.}$). That M_{p^*} is maximal is evident. Thus we know that M_{p^*} corresponds to a point of \mathfrak{D} . Next, let \tilde{M}_q be any point of \mathfrak{D} . Suppose that there is no any point of $\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}}$ such as a common zero point of the functions belonged to \tilde{M}_q . Then there exists an HBD -function u in \tilde{M}_q such that u is positive on $\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}}$. This is easily verified by means of the compactness of $\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}}$. This function u has a positive infimum on R (cf. § 2, Lemma 2.1). Consequently u is positive at each point of Δ . This is absurd. Thus we know that \tilde{M}_q corresponds to some point $q^* \in \Delta_{\mathfrak{F}}$. (q.e.d.)

Now we note that HB -space is a normed ring with a norm $\|u\| = \sup_R |u|$ ($u \in HB$), provided that the multiplication is defined as follows: the multiplicative structure is defined by the projection π such as $f (\in \mathfrak{F}) \xrightarrow{\pi} u (HB)$, where u is the harmonic component of the decomposition of f . Thus we have the following

Proposition 1.5. \mathfrak{D} is homeomorph to $\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}}$, where \mathfrak{D} is a compact Hausdorff space constructed from the normed ring HB with the above multiplicative structure.

Let T be a correspondence from $\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}}$ onto Δ as follows: $q^* \in \Delta_{\mathfrak{F}} \xrightarrow{T} M_{q^*} \in \Delta$. Then we have the following

Proposition 1.6. The correspondence T is one-valued continuous mapping.

Proof. Let σ be an open subset of Δ (Δ is subspace of R^*). In the following, we shall show that $\sigma_{\mathfrak{F}} = T^{-1}(\sigma)$ is open with

respect to $\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}}$. Since $\Delta - \sigma$ is closed

$$S = \bigcap_{M \in \Delta - \sigma} M$$

does not be contained in any maximal ideal belonging to σ , where M is a maximal ideal as a point of $\Delta - \sigma$. Consequently $S \cap HBD$ also does not be contained in any maximal ideal belonging to σ . Next, we consider an ideal $S_{\mathfrak{F}}$ such as

$$S_{\mathfrak{F}} = \bigcap_{M_{\mathfrak{F}} \in \Delta_{\mathfrak{F}} - \sigma_{\mathfrak{F}}} M_{\mathfrak{F}},$$

where $M_{\mathfrak{F}}$ is a maximal ideal as a point of $\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}} - \sigma_{\mathfrak{F}}$. We show that $S_{\mathfrak{F}} \cap HBD$ coincides with $S \cap HBD$. Indeed, $S \cap HBD$ is contained in any maximal ideal M of $\Delta - \sigma$, while $M \cap HBD$ coincides with $M_{\mathfrak{F}} \cap HBD$ by the Proposition 1.4, where $M_{\mathfrak{F}}$ is any one in $T^{-1}(M)$, consequently $(S \cap HBD) \subset S_{\mathfrak{F}} \cap HBD$. Conversely $S_{\mathfrak{F}} \cap HBD$ is contained in any maximal ideal $M_{\mathfrak{F}}$ of $\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}} - \sigma_{\mathfrak{F}}$, while $M_{\mathfrak{F}} \cap HBD$ coincides with $M (= T(M_{\mathfrak{F}}))$. This shows that $S \cap HBD \supset (S_{\mathfrak{F}} \cap HBD)$. Thus we know that $S \cap HBD = S_{\mathfrak{F}} \cap HBD$. Now let $\tilde{M}_{\mathfrak{F}}$ be any maximal ideal as a point in $\sigma_{\mathfrak{F}}$. Then $T(\tilde{M}_{\mathfrak{F}}) (= \tilde{M} \in \sigma)$ does not contain $S \cap HBD$, consequently $\tilde{M}_{\mathfrak{F}}$ does not contain $S_{\mathfrak{F}} \cap HBD$, because $\tilde{M}_{\mathfrak{F}} \cap HBD = T(\tilde{M}_{\mathfrak{F}}) = \tilde{M} \in \sigma$. Thus we see that $\sigma_{\mathfrak{F}}$ is an open subset of $\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}}$. (q.e.d.)

2. Properties of the harmonic boundary $\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}}$.

Lemma 2.1. *Every HB-function u attains its maximum and minimum on $\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}}$.*

Proof. Let $\inf_R u = \lambda$, then the infimum of $\tilde{u} (= u - \lambda)$ is zero. For any HB-function v , $\tilde{u}v$ belongs to \mathfrak{F} . We decompose $\tilde{u}v$ such as $\tilde{u}v = w + \varphi$, where $w \in HB$ and $\varphi \in \mathfrak{F}_0$. We note that w is either constantly zero or non-constant function on R , because $\inf_R \tilde{u} = 0$. Indeed,

$$w(T(re^{i\theta})) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} (\tilde{u}v)(T(e^{i\theta})) \frac{1-r^2}{1+r^2-2r \cos(\theta-\varphi)} d\varphi,$$

consequently $\underline{M}\tilde{u} \leq w \leq \bar{M}\tilde{u}$ on R , where $\underline{M} = \inf_R v$ and $\bar{M} = \sup_R v$.

From this, we know that $\mathfrak{A} = \{\tilde{u}f; f \text{ varies on } \mathfrak{F}\}$ is a principal ideal of \mathfrak{F} and furthermore $\mathfrak{A} \cap \mathfrak{F}_0$ is also an ideal of \mathfrak{F} . Therefore \tilde{u} is contained in some maximal ideal of $\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}}$, that is, \tilde{u} vanishes at the point of $\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}}$. Thus we know that u takes its minimum on $\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}}$. From this we know that $c - u$ vanishes at some point of $\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}}$, where $c = \sup_R u$. (q.e.d.)

Proposition 2.1. *Let D be a non-compact subregion of R whose relative boundary ∂D consists of an at most countable number of analytic Jordan curves not accumulating in R . Then $\bar{D} - \partial\bar{D}$ meets $\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}}$, provided that $D \notin SO_{HB}$, where \bar{D} and $\partial\bar{D}$ are respectively the closure of D and ∂D with respect to $R_{\mathfrak{F}}^*$.*

Proof. Let $\omega = I_D[1]$ (cf. [3]). Now we define the subharmonic function \tilde{u} such as $\tilde{u} = \omega$ on D and $= 0$ on $R - D$. Then \tilde{u} belongs to \mathfrak{F} by the Littlewood's Theorem. Let $\tilde{u} = v + \varphi$ be the decomposition of \tilde{u} , where $v \in HB$, $\varphi \in \mathfrak{F}_0$. It is easily verified that v is the least harmonic majorant of \tilde{u} . Consequently $\sup_R v = 1$ and from the Lemma 2.1 we know that there is a point $p^* \in \Delta_{\mathfrak{F}}$ such as $v(p^*) = 1$. From this, we know that $\tilde{u}(p^*) = 1$ because $\varphi(p^*) = 0$. This shows that p^* belongs to $\bar{D} - \partial\bar{D}$.

Lemma 2.2. *Every bounded subharmonic (superharmonic) function attains its maximum (minimum) on $\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}}$.*

Proof. Let u be a subharmonic function. We decompose u such as $u = v + \varphi$, where $v \in HB$ and $\varphi \in \mathfrak{F}_0$. If $v \equiv 0$, then $u = \varphi (\leq 0)$, because $u \leq v$. From this we know that $\sup_R u = \sup_R \varphi = 0$ and this is attained on $\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}}$. If $v \not\equiv 0$, v attains its maximum at some point p^* of $\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}}$. Then $u(p^*)$ is the maximum of u , because $\sup_R u \leq \sup_R v + \sup_R \varphi = v(p^*)$. (q.e.d.).

Lemma 2.3. *Let u_1 and u_2 be HB-functions on R , then for $p^* \in \Delta_{\mathfrak{F}}$*

$$\begin{aligned} (u_1 \vee u_2)(p^*) &= \max [u_1(p^*), u_2(p^*)] \\ (u_1 \wedge u_2)(p^*) &= \min [u_1(p^*), u_2(p^*)], \end{aligned}$$

where $u_1 \vee u_2$ is the least harmonic majorant and $u_1 \wedge u_2$ is the greatest harmonic minorant of u_1 and u_2 .

Proof. Let $f(p) = \min[u_1(p), u_2(p)]$ ($p \in R$), then $f(p)$ is bounded and super-harmonic on R , consequently f is continuously extended onto $R_{\mathfrak{F}}^*$ because $f \in \mathfrak{F}$. On the other hand, $\tilde{f}(p) = \min[u_1(p), u_2(p)]$ ($p \in R_{\mathfrak{F}}^*$) is continuous on $R_{\mathfrak{F}}^*$. Thus we know that $f(p) = \tilde{f}(p)$ on $R_{\mathfrak{F}}^*$. Let $u(p) + \varphi(p)$ be the decomposition of \tilde{f} , where $u \in HB$ and $\varphi \in \mathfrak{F}_0$. Then $u(p^*) = \tilde{f}(p^*)$ on $\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}}$, consequently $(u_1 \wedge u_2)(p^*) = \min[u_1(p^*), u_2(p^*)]$ on $\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}}$, because $u(p) = (u_1 \wedge u_2)(p)$. In the same manner, we can prove that $(u_1 \vee u_2)(p^*) = \max[u_1(p^*), u_2(p^*)]$ on $\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}}$. (q.e.d.)

Lemma 2.4. *Let e_1 and e_2 be the compact subsets of $\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}}$ disjoint respectively. Then there exists an HBP-function u such as $u=1$ on e_1 and $=0$ on e_2 .*

Proof. We can construct an HBP-function u such as $u=0$ on e_2 and >0 on e_1 (cf. [6]). Since e_1 is compact, the infimum of u with respect to e_1 is positive. According to the Lemma 2.3, $(u/c) \wedge 1$ is the function that answers to the Lemma, where $c = \inf_{e_1} u$.

3. Generalized harmonic measures.

Theorem 3.1. *Let α be a compact set ($\neq \emptyset$) of $\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}}$ and β its complementary set ($\neq \emptyset$) in $\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}}$. Then there exists a function Ω_{α}^* defined in $R_{\mathfrak{F}}^*$ such that*

- i) Ω_{α}^* is upper semi-continuous on $R_{\mathfrak{F}}^*$ and $\Omega_{\alpha}^* \in HBP$ in R
- ii) $\Omega_{\alpha}^* = 1$ on α , $= 0$ on β
- iii) Ω_{α}^* is the harmonic measure in R , that is, $\Omega_{\alpha} \wedge (1 - \Omega_{\alpha}) = 0$, where Ω_{α} is the restriction of Ω_{α}^* to R . (we call Ω_{α} the harmonic measure with respect to α).

Proof. Let H_{α} be a family of HBP functions such as

$$H_{\alpha} = \{u \in HBP; u \leq 1 \text{ and } = 1 \text{ on } \alpha\}.$$

Then we know that $u_1 \wedge u_2$ belongs to H_{α} for any u_1 and u_2 of H_{α} , by means of the Lemma 2.3. Consequently,

$$\Omega_{\alpha}^* = \inf_{u \in H_{\alpha}} u(p) \quad (p \in R_{\mathfrak{F}}^*)$$

is an *HBP* function (may be constantly zero) (cf. [7]), and Ω_α^* is obtained as the limit function of the non-increasing sequence consisting of the elements of H_α . In the following, we shall show that Ω_α^* is the function that answers to the above Theorem. From Lemma 2.4, we know that there exists a function $u \in H_\alpha$ such as, for arbitrarily given $p^* (\in \beta)$, $u(p^*) = 0$. This shows that $\Omega_\alpha^* = 0$ on β , that is, Ω_α^* satisfies the condition ii). Next we show that $\sup_R \Omega_\alpha = 1$ provided that $\Omega_\alpha \not\equiv 0$. Suppose that $\sup_R \Omega_\alpha = c (< 1)$. Then $\Omega_\alpha \leq cu$ for any $u \in H_\alpha$ by Lemma 2.1, consequently $\Omega_\alpha \leq c\Omega_\alpha$. This is absurd, that is, $\sup_R \Omega_\alpha = 1$ provided that $\Omega_\alpha \not\equiv 0$. Let e be a set of $\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}}$ such as $e = \{p^* \in \alpha; \Omega_\alpha(p^*) = 1\}$ then e is a compact subset of α . Suppose that Ω_α takes a positive value λ at some point $q^* (\in \alpha - e)$. Then q^* does not be contained in $\overline{\beta \cup e}$, consequently there exists an *HBP*-function U such as $U(q^*) = 1$ and $= 0$ on $\overline{\beta \cup e}$ by the Lemma 2.4. Let $\tilde{U} = U \wedge 1$, then $(\tilde{U} \vee \Omega_\alpha) > \Omega_\alpha$ on R . Indeed, $\tilde{U} \vee \Omega_\alpha = 1$ at q^* by the Lemma 2.3, while $\Omega_\alpha(q^*) = \lambda (< 1)$. Noting that $(\tilde{U} \vee \Omega_\alpha) < u_n$ for every n , we conclude that

$$\Omega_\alpha < (\tilde{U} \vee \Omega_\alpha) \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} u_n = \Omega_\alpha,$$

where $\{u_n\}$ is a non-increasing sequence such as $u_n \in H_\alpha$ for every n and $u_n \downarrow \Omega_\alpha$. This is absurd. Thus we know that Ω_α vanishes on $\alpha - e$, provided that $\alpha - e \neq \emptyset$. From this, we can see that $\Omega_\alpha \wedge (1 - \Omega_\alpha) = 0$ on R . (q.e.d.)

Corollary 3.2. *Let α be a compact subset of $\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}}$ and Ω_α be its harmonic measure. Then $\alpha - e$ belongs to the closure of β provided that $\alpha - e \neq \emptyset$, where β is the complementary set of α with respect to $\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}}$.*

Corollary 3.2'. *Let α be a compact subset of $\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}}$. Then there exists a simultaneously open and closed set $\tilde{\alpha}$ in α such as $\Omega_\alpha^* = \Omega_{\tilde{\alpha}}^*$ on R , provided that $\Omega_\alpha > 0$.*

Now we define the harmonic measure with respect to an open set of $\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}}$. Let α be an open set of $\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}}$. Then we call $1 - \Omega_\beta$ the harmonic measure with respect to α , where $\beta = \Delta_{\mathfrak{F}} - \alpha$.

Theorem 3.2. *Let α be an open subset of $\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}}$ and let $\tilde{\alpha}$ be*

its closure. Then $\bar{\alpha}$ is either a simultaneously open and closed set of $\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}}$ or $\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}}$ itself. Consequently $\Omega_{\alpha} > 0$, provided that $\alpha \neq \phi$.

Proof. Let β be a complementary set of $\alpha (\neq \phi)$ with respect to $\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}}$. In the case $\Omega_{\beta} > 0$, the $\bar{\alpha}$ is simultaneously open and closed set of $\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}}$ by Corollary 3.2. Next, we suppose that $\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}} - \bar{\alpha} \neq \phi$. Then there exists a point q^* in β such as $q^* \notin \bar{\alpha}$, consequently there exists an HBP-function u such as $u=0$ on $\bar{\alpha}$ and $=1$ at q^* . From this we know that $\Omega_{\beta} \geq u \wedge 1 > 0$. This shows that $\bar{\alpha} = \Delta_{\mathfrak{F}}$ provided that $\Omega_{\beta} = 0$.

Proposition 3.1. Let $\{\alpha_n\}$ be the family of open subsets of $\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}}$ and let $\gamma = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \alpha_n$. Then

$$\Omega_{\gamma} \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \Omega_{\alpha_n} \quad \text{on } R.$$

Proof. We assume that $\Omega_{\alpha_n} < 1$ for every n and furthermore $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \Omega_{\alpha_n}$ converges. In the other cases, this Proposition is trivial. From the Corollary 3.2 and Theorem 3.2, we know that $\Omega_{\gamma} = \Omega_{\bar{\gamma}}$ and $\Omega_{\alpha_n} = \Omega_{\bar{\alpha}_n}$ on R for every n . Suppose that $\Omega_{\gamma}(p_0) - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \Omega_{\bar{\alpha}_n}(p_0) = \varepsilon > 0$ for some point p_0 in R . Then

$$\tilde{D} = \left\{ p \in R; \Omega_{\gamma}(p) - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \Omega_{\bar{\alpha}_n}(p) > \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \right\}$$

is non-compact set in R . Let D be a component of \tilde{D} , then $D \notin SO_{HB}$. Consequently $(\bar{D} - \partial\bar{D}) \cap \Delta_{\mathfrak{F}}$ is non-empty by the Proposition 2.1. On the other hand, we can see that $(\bar{D} - \partial\bar{D}) \cap \Delta_{\mathfrak{F}}$ is empty by the following reason. Suppose that $q^* (\in \Delta_{\mathfrak{F}})$ is contained in $\bar{D} - \partial\bar{D}$. If $q^* \in \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \bar{\alpha}_n$, then $q^* \in \bar{\alpha}_n$ for some $\bar{\alpha}_n$, consequently $\sup_n \Omega_{\bar{\alpha}_n} = 1$ by the Theorem 3.2. This is incompatible with $\Omega_{\bar{\gamma}}(p) - \sum_n \Omega_{\bar{\alpha}_n}(p) > \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$ in D . If $q^* \notin \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \bar{\alpha}_n$, then $q^* \notin \gamma$, that is, $q^* \notin \bar{\gamma}$ or $\in \bar{\gamma} - \gamma$. In the first case, $\Omega_{\gamma}(q^*) = 0$, consequently $\inf_n \Omega_{\bar{\gamma}} = 0$. In the second case we can see easily that $\bar{D} - \partial\bar{D}$ contains some point p^* belonged to γ . This point p^* belongs to $\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \bar{\alpha}_n$, and this is incompatible with $\Omega_{\bar{\gamma}}(p) - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \Omega_{\bar{\alpha}_n}(p) > \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$ in D . Thus we know that

$(\bar{D} - \partial\bar{D}) \cap \Delta_{\mathfrak{F}}$ is empty. This is absurd, that is, $\Omega_\gamma \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \Omega_{\alpha_n}$.
(q.e.d.)

Now we define the outer harmonic measure μ_γ with respect to any subset γ of $\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}}$. Let \mathfrak{G}_γ be the family of open subsets of $\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}}$ each of which contains γ respectively, and let H_γ be the family $\{\Omega_\alpha\}$, where α varies on \mathfrak{G}_γ . We call the lower envelope of H_γ , that is,

$$\mu_\gamma(p) = \inf_{\alpha \in \mathfrak{G}_\gamma} \Omega_\alpha(p) \quad (p \in R),$$

the outer harmonic measure with respect to γ .

Proposition 3.2. μ_γ is the harmonic measure, that is, $\mu_\gamma \wedge (1 - \mu_\gamma) = 0$.

Proof. Let α_1 and α_2 be open sets containing γ respectively. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega_{\alpha_1 \cap \alpha_2} &= \Omega_{\overline{\alpha_1 \cap \alpha_2}} = 1 && \text{on } \overline{\alpha_1 \cap \alpha_2} \\ &= 0 && \text{on } \Delta_{\mathfrak{F}} - \overline{\alpha_1 \cap \alpha_2} \end{aligned}$$

by Theorem 3.2. Therefore $\Omega_{\alpha_1 \cap \alpha_2} = \Omega_{\alpha_1} \wedge \Omega_{\alpha_2}$, because $\overline{\alpha_1 \cap \alpha_2} = \overline{\alpha_1} \cap \overline{\alpha_2}$. From this we can see that μ_γ is the limit function of a non-increasing sequence consisting of the elements of H_γ (cf. [1], [7]). Consequently μ_γ is the HBP-function on R . Next we prove that $\sup_R \mu_\gamma = 1$, provided that $\mu_\gamma \not\equiv 0$. Let $\mu_\gamma = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \Omega_{\alpha_n}$, where $\{\Omega_{\alpha_n}\}$ is a non-increasing sequence such as $\Omega_\alpha \in H_\gamma$ for every n . Suppose that $0 < \sup_R \mu_\gamma = c < 1$. Since $\mu_\gamma \leq \Omega_{\alpha_n}$ for every n , $\mu_\gamma = 0$ on $\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}} - \overline{\alpha_n}$ for every n . From this we know that

$$\mu_\gamma \leq c \Omega_{\alpha_n}$$

for every n by Lemma 2.1 and Theorem 3.2. Thus we have $\mu_\gamma \leq c \mu_\gamma$. This is absurd, that is, $\sup_R \mu_\gamma = 1$. Let e be the compact set such as $e = \{p^* \in \Delta_{\mathfrak{F}} ; \mu_\gamma(p^*) = 1\}$. We note that $\mu_\gamma = 0$ on $\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}} - \overline{\alpha_n}$ for every n , consequently $\mu_\gamma = 0$ on $\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} (\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}} - \overline{\alpha_n})$, that is, μ_γ vanishes on $\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} (\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}} - \overline{\alpha_n})$. Thus we know that $e \subset \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} \overline{\alpha_n}$. Next we show that e is a simultaneously open and closed set in $\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}}$. Suppose

that μ_γ does not vanish at some point $q^* \in \bigcap^{\infty} \bar{\alpha}_n - e$, then there exists an *HBP*-function u such as $u=1$ at q^* , $=0$ on $e \cup (\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}} - \bigcap^{\infty} \bar{\alpha}_n)$ by Lemma 2.4. The function $\mu_\gamma \vee U$ (where $U=u \wedge 1$) is larger than μ_γ , but is smaller than Ω_{α_n} for every n , because $\Omega_{\alpha_n}=1$ on $\bar{\alpha}_n$ and $=0$ on $\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}} - \bar{\alpha}_n$, while $\mu_\gamma \vee U=0$ on $\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}} - \bar{\alpha}_n$, and ≤ 1 on $\bar{\alpha}_n$. From this, we have that

$$\mu_\gamma = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \Omega_{\alpha_n} \geq \mu_\gamma \wedge U > \mu_\gamma.$$

This is absurd. Thus we conclude that $\mu_\gamma \wedge (1 - \mu_\gamma) = 0$. (q.e.d.)

Proposition 3.3. *The μ_γ is the harmonic measure with respect to $\bigcap^{\infty} \bar{\alpha}_n$*

Proof. It is evident that $\Omega_{\bar{\alpha}_n} \geq \Omega_{\bigcap^{\infty} \bar{\alpha}_n} \geq \mu_\gamma$. Therefore $\mu_\gamma \geq \Omega_{\bigcap^{\infty} \bar{\alpha}_n} \geq \mu_\gamma$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$, that is, $\mu_\gamma = \Omega_{\bigcap^{\infty} \bar{\alpha}_n}$. (q.e.d.)

Lemma 3.2. *Let $\gamma = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \gamma_n$, where γ_n is any subset of $\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}}$ for every n . Then*

$$\mu_\gamma \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mu_{\gamma_n} \quad \text{on } R.$$

Proof. Let G be any compact subregion in R . Then, for any fixed $\varepsilon (> 0)$ and any γ_n , there exists a certain open subset α_n of $\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}}$ such as $\gamma_n \subset \alpha_n$ and

$$\mu_{\gamma_n} \leq \Omega_{\alpha_n} < \mu_{\gamma_n} + \frac{\varepsilon}{2^n}$$

in G . Thus we know that

$$\mu_\gamma \leq \Omega_{\bigcup \alpha_n} \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \Omega_{\alpha_n} < \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mu_{\gamma_n} + \varepsilon$$

in G by the Proposition 3.1. Therefore $\mu_\gamma \leq \sum \mu_{\gamma_n}$ in G and G is an arbitrarily fixed subregion in R , we know that this inequality holds on R . (q.e.d.)

Thus we know that the outer harmonic measure μ_γ is the Caratheodory outer measure with respect to the subsets of $\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}}$.

4. Integral representation of an *HB*-function and quasi-bounded component of an *HP*-function.

We already proved that μ_γ is the harmonic measure with respect to a simultaneously open and closed set e in $\bigcap^\infty \bar{\alpha}_n$, provided that $\mu_\gamma \not\equiv 0$. Now we note that $e \cap \gamma$ is not empty. Suppose that $e \cap \gamma$ is empty. Then $e \cap \bar{\gamma}$ is empty, because e is simultaneously open and closed in $\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}}$. According to the Lemma 2.4, there exists an *HBP*-function u such as $u=1$ on e and $=0$ on $\bar{\gamma}$. Let σ be an open set in $\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}}$ such as $\sigma = \left\{ p^* \in \Delta_{\mathfrak{F}}; u(p^*) < \frac{1}{2} \right\}$. Then $\sigma \supset \gamma$. Let $\{\alpha_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$ be the family of open sets in $\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}}$ such as $\Omega_{\alpha_n} \downarrow \mu_\gamma$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Then we can see easily that $\Omega_{\sigma \cap \alpha_n} \downarrow \mu_\gamma$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$, because every $\sigma \cap \alpha_n$ contains γ . Therefore μ_γ coincides with the harmonic measure with respect to $\bigcap^\infty (\overline{\sigma \cap \alpha_n})$. This is absurd, because $\bigcap^\infty (\overline{\sigma \cap \alpha_n})$ does not contain the set e . Thus we know that $e \cap \gamma \neq \emptyset$ provided that $\mu_\gamma \not\equiv 0$.

Lemma 4.1. *Let γ be any subset of $\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}}$ such as $\mu_\gamma > 0$ and let e be a simultaneously open and closed set in $\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}}$ such as $\mu_\gamma = \Omega_e$. Then $e \subset \bar{\gamma}$ and $\mu_{\gamma-e} \equiv 0$.*

Proof. Suppose that $e - \bar{\gamma}$ be non-empty. Let $q^* \in e - \bar{\gamma}$. Then there exists an *HBP*-function u such as $u=1$ at q^* and $=0$ on $\bar{\gamma}$ by the Lemma 2.4. Let σ be an open set of $\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}}$ such as $\sigma = \left\{ p^* \in \Delta_{\mathfrak{F}}; u(p^*) < \frac{1}{2} \right\}$. From this, we see that $\Omega_{\sigma \cap \alpha_n} \downarrow \mu_\gamma$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$, that is, μ_γ is the harmonic measure with respect to $\bigcap^\infty (\overline{\sigma \cap \alpha_n})$ by the Proposition 3.3. But $\bigcap^\infty (\overline{\sigma \cap \alpha_n})$ does not contain the $q^* (\in e)$. This is absurd. Thus we know that $e \subset \bar{\gamma}$. Next we show that $\mu_{\gamma-e} \equiv 0$. Evidently $\gamma - e \subset \bigcap^\infty \bar{\alpha}_n - e$, consequently $\mu_{\gamma-e} \leq \mu_{(\bigcap^\infty \bar{\alpha}_n - e)}$ ($= \mu_{\bigcap^\infty \bar{\alpha}_n} - \mu_e$), that is, $\mu_{\gamma-e} = 0$ (cf. Prop. 4.2).

Proposition 4.1. *Let α be an open set of $\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}}$. Then α is μ -measurable and $\mu_\alpha = \Omega_\alpha$.*

Proof. It is evident that $\mu_\alpha = \Omega_\alpha$. We shall prove the measurability. Let γ be any subset of $\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}}$. It is evident that

$\mu_\gamma \leq \mu_{\gamma \cap \alpha} + \mu_{(\gamma - \gamma) \cap \alpha}$ by the Lemma 3.2. If any one of the right vanishes, then the left hand coincides with the right side. Therefore we assume that $\mu_{\gamma \cap \alpha}$ and $\mu_{(\gamma - \gamma) \cap \alpha}$ do not vanish respectively. According to the Corollary 3.2, there exists the simultaneously open and closed sets e , e_1 and e_2 such as $\mu_\gamma = \Omega_e$, $\mu_{\gamma \cap \alpha} = \Omega_{e_1}$ and $\mu_{(\gamma - \gamma) \cap \alpha} = \Omega_{e_2}$. It is clear that e_1 and e_2 are contained in e respectively. According to the Lemma 4.1, the e_2 is contained in $\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}} - \alpha$, because $e_2 \subset \gamma \cap (\overline{\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}} - \alpha}) \subset \Delta_{\mathfrak{F}} - \alpha = \overline{\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}} - \alpha}$. With respect to e_1 , it is contained in $\bar{\alpha}$ by the Lemma 4.1. Noting that e_1 and e_2 are simultaneously open and closed respectively, we know that $e_1 \cap e_2 = \phi$. Thus we have the following

$$\mu_\gamma = \Omega_e \supseteq \Omega_{e_1 \cup e_2} = \Omega_{e_1} + \Omega_{e_2} = \mu_{\gamma \cap \alpha} + \mu_{(\gamma - \gamma) \cap \alpha}. \quad (\text{q.e.d.})$$

Proposition 4.2. *Let α be a closed set of $\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}}$. Then α is measurable and $\mu_\alpha = \Omega_\alpha$.*

Proof. Since $\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}} = \alpha + (\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}} - \alpha)$ and $\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}} - \alpha$ is measurable, $\mu_{\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}}} = \mu_\alpha + \mu_{(\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}} - \alpha)}$. From this we have $\mu_\alpha = 1 - \mu_{(\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}} - \alpha)} = 1 - \Omega_{(\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}} - \alpha)}$. This shows that $\mu_\alpha = \Omega_\alpha$. (q.e.d.)

Proposition 4.3. *Let $\mu_\alpha = 0$, then $\alpha \subset (\overline{\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}} - \alpha})$.*

Proof. Suppose that $\beta = \alpha - (\overline{\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}} - \alpha}) \neq \phi$. Then β is an open subset of $\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}}$, because $\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}} = (\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}} - \alpha) \cup \alpha = (\overline{\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}} - \alpha}) \cup \alpha = (\overline{\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}} - \alpha}) \cup \beta$ and that $(\overline{\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}} - \alpha}) \cap \beta = \phi$. Therefore $\mu_\beta > 0$ by Theorem 3.2. On the contrary, $\mu_\beta = 0$ since $\beta \subset \alpha$. This is absurd, that is $\alpha \subset (\overline{\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}} - \alpha})$. (q.e.d.)

Proposition 4.4. *Let u be an HB-function such as $u = 0$ on $\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}}$ except for a null-set. Then $u \equiv 0$.*

Proof. According to Proposition 4.3, u vanishes on $\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}}$ because u is continuous on $\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}}$. Thus we conclude that $u \equiv 0$ in R . (q.e.d.)

Proposition 4.5. *Let u and v be HB-functions such as $u = v$ ($u > v$) on $\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}}$ except for a null-set. Then $u \equiv v$ ($u > v$) on R .*

Proof. This is clear by Proposition 4.4 and Lemma 2.1.

(q.e.d.)

Lemma 4.2. *Let γ be a measurable set of positive measure. Then $\mu_{\gamma-e} = \mu_{e-\gamma} = 0$, that is, $\mu_\gamma = 1$ on γ except for a null-set and $= 0$ on $\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}} - \gamma$ except for a null-set provided that $\mu_\gamma > 0$.*

Proof. It has been proved in Lemma 4.1 that $\mu_{\gamma-e} = 0$. Now we show that $\mu_{e-\gamma} = 0$. Since $e - \gamma \cap \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} \bar{\alpha}_n - \gamma$, we know that $\mu_{e-\gamma} \leq \mu_{\left(\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} \bar{\alpha}_n - \gamma\right)}$. And $\mu_{\left(\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} \bar{\alpha}_n - \gamma\right)} = \mu_{\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} \bar{\alpha}_n} - \mu_\gamma$ because γ is measurable and $\gamma \subset \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} \bar{\alpha}_n$. Thus we know that $\mu_{e-\gamma} = 0$. (q.e.d.)

Theorem 4.1. *Let u be an HBP-function. Then*

$$u(p) = \int_{\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}}} u(p^*) d\mu(p^*, p)$$

where μ is the outer harmonic measure.

Proof. Let $\{e_k\}_{k=1}^n$ be a partition of $\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}}$ each of which is μ -measurable and let $m_k = \inf_{e_k} u(p^*)$ for each k . Then

$$s(p) = \sum_{k=1}^n m_k \mu_{e_k}(p) \quad (p \in R)$$

is an HBP-function on R by Proposition 3.2. Let \mathfrak{l}' be the family of $s(p)$ corresponding to each partition of $\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}}$. Then \mathfrak{l}' has the following property: there exists an element $s(p)$ of \mathfrak{l}' such as $s(p) \geq \max [s_1(p), s_2(p)]$ ($p \in R$) for any given s_1 and s_2 of \mathfrak{l}' . This is verified by means of Lemma 2.1 and Lemma 4.2. Therefore we know that $\sup_{s \in \mathfrak{l}'} s(p) = U(p)$ is harmonic on R (cf. [1] p. 134). Thus we know that

$$U(p) = \int_{\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}}} u(p^*) d\mu(p^*, p)$$

is harmonic on R . It is clear that $s(p) (\in \mathfrak{l}') \leq u(p)$ for any $s \in \mathfrak{l}'$ by Lemma 4.2. Consequently $U \leq u$. And we can see easily that U is identical with u . (q.e.d.)

Theorem 4.2. *Let f be a measurable function positive and bounded on $\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}}$, then*

$$U(p) = \int_{\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}}} f(p^*) d\mu(p^*, p)$$

is an HB-function on R and $U=f$ on $\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}}$ except for a null-set.

Proof. In the same manner as did in Theorem 4.1, we can verify that $U(p)$ is an HB-function on R . we shall prove the latter. Let $\{e_i^{(n)}\}_{i=1}^{k_n}$ be a partition of $\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}}$ such as

$$e_i^{(n)} = \left\{ p^* \in \Delta_{\mathfrak{F}}; \frac{i}{2^n} \leq f(p^*) < \frac{i+1}{2^n} \right\} \quad (i=0, 1, \dots, k_n: k_n=2M-1),$$

where $M=\sup_{\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}}} f(p^*)$. Then $\{s^{(n)}\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ is a non-decreasing sequence and converges to $U(p)$, consequently

$$\begin{aligned} U(p) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s^{(n)}(p) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}}} s^{(n)}(p^*) d\mu(p^*, p) = \\ &= \int_{\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}}} (\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s^{(n)}(p^*)) d\mu(p^*, p). \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, $U(p^*) \geq s^{(n)}(p^*)$ on $\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}}$ consequently $U(p^*) \geq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s^{(n)}(p^*) = f(p^*)$ except for a null-set, From this we know that $U(p^*) = f(p^*)$ except for a null-set, because

$$U(p) - \int_{\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}}} f(p^*) d\mu(p^*, p) = \int_{\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}}} (U(p^*) - f(p^*)) d\mu(p^*, p) = 0. \quad (\text{q.e.d.})$$

In the following, we shall treat the unbounded HP-functions. Let u be an unbounded HP-function. Then $u(p) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} u_n(p)$, where $u_n(p) = \min[u(p), n]$ for every n . Let e_n be a set of $R_{\mathfrak{F}}^*$ such as $e_n = \{p \in R_{\mathfrak{F}}^*; u_n(p) = n\}$. Then $e_n \supset e_{n+1}$ for each n , therefore $e_{\infty} = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} e_n$ is non-empty, because every e_n is compact. We define the function $u^*(p)$ as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} u^*(p) &= u(p) && \text{on } R_{\mathfrak{F}}^* - e_{\infty} \\ &= +\infty && \text{on } e_{\infty}. \end{aligned}$$

Then $u^*(p)$ is continuous on $R_{\mathfrak{F}}^*$ in the sense of $\overline{\lim} u(p) = \underline{\lim} u(p)$ on $R_{\mathfrak{F}}^*$. From now on, $u^*(p)$ is denoted by $u(p)$ again.

Theorem 4.3. *Let u be an unbounded HP-function on R . Then $u(p^*)$ ($p^* \in \Delta_{\mathfrak{F}}$) is integrable on $\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}}$. Consequently $e_{\infty} \cap \Delta_{\mathfrak{F}}$ is μ -measure zero.*

Proof. Let $u_n(p) = \min[u(p), n]$. Then $u_n(p) \uparrow u(p)$ on R and

$$\tilde{u}_n(p) = \int_{\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}}} u_n(p^*) d\mu(p^*, p) \quad (n=1, 2, \dots)$$

is a non-decreasing sequence. According to Fatou's lemma, we know that

$$+\infty > u(p) \geq \liminf \tilde{u}_n(p) \geq \int_{\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}}} (\liminf u_n(p^*)) d\mu(p^*, p) = \int_{\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}}} u(p^*) d\mu(p^*, p).$$

This shows that $u(p^*)$ ($p^* \in \Delta_{\mathfrak{F}}$) is integrable on $\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}}$ and $e_\infty \cap \Delta_{\mathfrak{F}}$ is μ -measure zero. (q.e.d.)

From this, we have a decomposition such as $u(p) = w(p) + \int_{\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}}} u(p^*) d\mu(p^*, p)$. In the following, we show that this decomposition coincides with the Parreau's decomposition.

Theorem 4.4. $w(p)$ is the singular component of u and the integral term is the quasi-bounded component of u .

Proof. Let $\tilde{u}(p) = \int_{\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}}} u(p^*) d\mu(p^*, p)$ and let $u_n(p) = \min[u(p), n]$ on R . Then we have the inequality

$$u(p) \geq \tilde{u}(p) > u_n(p) \quad \text{on } R.$$

Let q^* be a point of $\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}}$ such as $q^* \notin e_\infty$, where $e_\infty = \{p^* \in \Delta_{\mathfrak{F}}; u(p^*) = +\infty\}$. Then, for a suitable number N , $u(q^*) \geq \tilde{u}(q^*) \geq u_N(q^*) = u(q^*)$ by Lemma 2.3. Therefore $u(p^*) = \tilde{u}(p^*)$ on $\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}}$ except for e_∞ . This shows that $w(p) = u(p) - \tilde{u}(p)$ is singular, because e_∞ is a null-set. (q.e.d.)

Theorem 4.5. Let an HP-function w be singular. Then w vanishes at each point of $\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}}$.

Proof. It is evident that w vanishes on $\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}} - e_\infty$, where $e_\infty = \{p^* \in \Delta_{\mathfrak{F}}; w(p^*) = +\infty\}$. we shall show that $e_\infty = \emptyset$. Suppose that e_∞ is non-empty. Then a set of G ,

$$G = \{p \in R; w(p) > c > 0\}$$

is non-empty in R and e_∞ is contained in $\bar{G} - \partial\bar{G}$. We note that e_∞ is a simultaneously open and closed set in $\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}}$ because $\partial\bar{G} \cap \Delta_{\mathfrak{F}} = \emptyset$. From this we know that μ_{e_∞} is positive. This is absurd, because $\mu_{e_\infty} = 0$ by Theorem 4.3. (q.e.d.)

Finally we shall give the following

Theorem 4.6. *The harmonic boundary $\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}}$ is totally disconnected.*

Proof. Let σ be connected subset of $\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}}$. In the following, we shall see that σ is a single point. Suppose that σ has at least two points, say q_1^* , q_2^* . According to Lemma 2.4, there exists an HBP-function u such as $u(q_1^*) = 1$ and $u(q_2^*) = 0$. Now let G be an open set such as $G = \left\{ p^* \in \Delta_{\mathfrak{F}} ; u(p^*) > \frac{1}{2} \right\}$. Evidently $q_1^* \notin \bar{G}$, consequently $\sigma \cap \bar{G}$ and $\sigma - \sigma \cap \bar{G}$ are disjoint non-empty sets respectively and furthermore \bar{G} is a simultaneously open and closed set in $\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}}$ from Theorem 3.2. This is absurd, because σ is connected. Thus we know that σ must be a single point, provided that σ is connected. This shows that $\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}}$ is totally disconnected. (q.e.d.)

Remark. The results in Theorem 3.2 and 4.2 seem to us curious, but on the other hand, from these results we see the similarity between $\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}}$ and the hyper Stone space (cf. [13] pp. 108~111). In the following, we shall show that $\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}}$ as the subspace of $R_{\mathfrak{F}}^*$ is the hyper Stone space. Let f_1 and f_2 be essentially bounded functions on $\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}}$, then we define that f_1 is equivalent to f_2 , provided that $f_1 = f_2$ except for a null-set. Under this stipulation, we denote by $M(\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}})$ a family of essentially bounded, measurable function on $\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}}$. Then we have the following theorem; the compact Hausdorff space H constructed from maximal ideals of $M(\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}})$ is the Stone space and furthermore is the hyper Stone space (cf. [13]). On the other hand, Theorem 4.2 shows that $M(\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}})$ is identical with $C(\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}})$, where $C(\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}})$ denotes a family of continuous function on $\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}}$, and that the compact Hausdorff space constructed from maximal ideals of $C(\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}})$ is identical with $\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}}$ because $\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}}$ is the compact space. Thus we know that $\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}}$ is the hyper Stone space.

5. 0_{HB_n} and $\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}}$

Let γ be a measurable set of $\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}}$ with positive measure. Now we define a partition $\sigma_1 | \sigma_2$ of γ as follows: σ_1 and σ_2 are disjoint, measurable sets with positive measures respectively and have union γ . We call γ an indivisible set if it admits no partition.

Lemma 5.1. *Let γ be an indivisible set of $\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}}$. Then γ consists of an isolated point and a null-set.*

Proof. According to Proposition 3.2 and Lemma 4.2, we know that μ_γ coincides with μ_e , where e is a simultaneously open and closed set of $\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}}$ and $\mu_{e-\gamma} = \mu_{\gamma-e} = 0$. From this, we know that e is an indivisible set. In the following, we shall prove that every *HB*-function is constant on e . Suppose that for some *HB*-function u , $(c_1 =) \sup u > \inf u (= c_2)$ with respect to e . Then whether $e_1 = \{p^* \in e; u(p^*) > c\}$ or $e_2 = \{p^* \in e; u(p^*) < c\}$ is a null-set for any given $c (c_2 < c < c_1)$. If e_1 is a null-set, e_1 would be contained in \bar{e}_2 , because e is a simultaneously open and closed set in $\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}}$ and a null-set is contained the closure of its complementary set with respect to $\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}}$. This shows that $\sup u \leq c (< c_1)$. This is absurd. Analogously we can see that e_2 must be positive measure. Thus we know that every *HB*-function is constant on e , that is, e consists of a single point. At the beginning of §4, we have shown that $\gamma \cap e$ does not be empty, provided that $\mu_\gamma > 0$. From these, we conclude that γ is union of a simultaneously open and closed set and a null-set. (q.e.d.)

Theorem 5.1. *Let $q^* (\in \Delta_{\mathfrak{F}})$ be a point with positive measure. Then the $\mu_{\{q^*\}}$ is *HB* minimal. Conversely, every *HB* minimal function whose supremum is 1 is the μ -measure of an isolated point of $\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}}$.*

Proof. It is clear that $\mu_{\{q^*\}}$ is *HB*-minimal, because q^* is identical with the set e . We shall prove the inverse. Let $\omega(p)$ be an *HB*-minimal function such as $\sup_R \omega = 1$. Let e be a set of $\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}}$ such as $e = \{p^* \in \Delta_{\mathfrak{F}}; \omega(p^*) = 1\}$. Now, for any *HBP*-function u , $(u/\|u\|) \wedge \omega$ is smaller than ω . Therefore $(u/\|u\|) \vee \omega = c\omega$, where

$0 \leq c \leq 1$. This shows that u is constant on e . From this, we know that every HB -function is constant on e , because $u = u \vee 0 + u \wedge 0$. Thus we conclude that e consists of a single point with positive measure ω . Indeed ω vanishes on $\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}} - e$ and this is verified easily by Lemma 2.4.

Theorem 5.2. $R \in 0_{HBn} - 0_{HBn-1}$ if and only if $\sigma(R) = n$, where $\sigma(R)$ denotes the number of the harmonic boundary points.

Proof. In the same manner as did in [7], this is proved.

Theorem 5.3. There exist at least n generalized harmonic measure $\{\omega_i\}_{i=1}^n$ on R such as $\omega_i \wedge \omega_j = 0$ ($i \neq j$), provided that $\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}}$ contains at least n points. The inverse is true also.

Proof. The harmonic boundary $\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}}$ does not be an indivisible set, if not so, $\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}}$ would consist of a single point. Consequently there exists a partition $\Delta_1 | \Delta_2$ of $\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}}$. Next, one or the other of Δ_1 and Δ_2 does not be an indivisible set, if not so, the R would be of the class $0_{HB_2} - 0_{HB_1}$. Thus this decomposition will be continued up to at least the $(n-1)$ th step, that is,

$$\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}} = \Delta^{(1)} \cup \Delta^{(2)} \cup \dots \cup \Delta^{(n)},$$

where every $\Delta^{(i)}$ has positive measure and disjoint respectively. From this, we have the generalized harmonic measure $\{\mu_{\Delta^{(i)}}\}_{i=1}^n$ such as $\mu_{\Delta^{(i)}} \wedge \mu_{\Delta^{(j)}} = 0$ ($i \neq j$), where $\mu_{\Delta^{(i)}} \wedge \mu_{\Delta^{(j)}} = 0$ ($i \neq j$) is clear from Lemma 4.2.

Corollary. (Bader-Parreau [2], Matsumoto [12]) $R \notin 0_{HBn}$ if and only if there exist $n+1$ non-compact subregions $\{G_i\}$ such as $G_i \cap G_j = \emptyset$ ($i \neq j$) and $\notin SO_{HB}$ respectively.

Proof. It is easily verified by means of Theorem 5.2, 5.3 and Proposition 2.1.

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We shall state briefly the relation the measure μ on $\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}}$ and the canonical measure $\tilde{\mu}$ on Δ which was introduced by M. Nakai [14]. We defined in [7] the harmonic measure Ω_σ with respect to a compact set σ of Δ . Now we define the harmonic measure Ω_α with respect to an open subset of Δ as follows: $\Omega_\alpha = 1 - \Omega_{\Delta - \alpha}$. Let γ be any subset in Δ and \mathfrak{G} be a family of open subsets in Δ each of which contains the γ . We define the function Ω_γ on R such as $\Omega_\gamma(z) = \inf \Omega_\alpha(z)$, where α runs over \mathfrak{G} . Then we have the following properties: 1) Ω_γ is the generalized harmonic measure, 2) Ω_γ is the Caratheodory outer measure, 3) the Borel sets are measurable with respect to Ω_γ . Next, let γ be any subset in Δ and let $\gamma_{\mathfrak{F}}$ be the set $T^{-1}(\gamma)$ in $\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}}$, where T is the continuous map-

ping from $\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}}$ onto Δ (cf. Prop. 1.6). Then we have the following

Theorem. *Let γ be a Borel set in Δ . Then*

$$\mu_{\gamma_{\mathfrak{F}}}(z) = \Omega_{\gamma}(z) = \int_{\gamma} K(z, \zeta) d\tilde{\mu}(\zeta)$$

and

$$\int_{\Delta} f(\zeta) K(z, \zeta) d\tilde{\mu}(\zeta) = \int_{\Delta_{\mathfrak{F}}} f \circ T(\zeta_{\mathfrak{F}}) d\mu(z, \zeta_{\mathfrak{F}}),$$

where $f(\zeta)$ is any bounded $\tilde{\mu}$ -measurable function on Δ .

Concerning to the above subjects, I shall state in detail in another place.