

## On the Existence of bounded Analytic Functions in a lacunary End of a Riemann surface.

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If a domain  $G$  in a Riemann surface  $R$  has a compact relative boundary  $\partial G$ , we call  $G$  an end. Let  $G$  be an end of a Riemann surface  $\in O_g$ . Suppose  $G$  has a boundary component  $\nu$ . The maximal number of linearly independent H. P. s (positive harmonic functions) vanishing on  $\partial G$  is called the  $H$ -dim of  $\nu$ . Let  $F$  be a closed set in  $G$  such that  $G-F$  is connected. Let  $G'(z, z_0): z_0 \in G-F$  be a Green function of  $G-F$ . If  $\overline{\lim}_{z \rightarrow \nu} G'(z, z_0) > 0$ , we say  $F$  is irregular at  $\nu$ . If there exists a sequence  $\{\Gamma_n\}$  such that  $\Gamma_n$  consists of a finite number of analytic curves separating  $\nu$  from  $\partial G$  and

$$\lim_n \min_{z \in \Gamma_n} G'(z, z_0) > 0,$$

we say  $F$  is completely irregular at  $\nu$ . Further if every  $\Gamma_n$  consists of an analytic curve, we say  $F$  is completely thin at  $\nu$ . Evidently if  $G$  is a punctured disk:  $\{0 < |z| < 1\}$ ,  $F$  is completely thin at  $z=0$  if and only if  $F$  is irregular at  $z=0$ .

We proved

THEOREM<sup>1)</sup> 1. *Let  $G$  be an end of a Riemann surface  $\in O_g$  with a boundary component  $\nu$  of  $H$ -dim  $= \infty$ . If  $F$  is completely thin at  $\nu$ ,*

$$G-F \in O_{AB}.$$

For Riemann surfaces  $\notin O_g$  analogous theorems<sup>2)</sup> are discussed before. For examples.

*There exists a Riemann surface  $R \in O_g$  with the following properties:*

- 1)  *$R$  has no singular boundary points with respect to Martin's topology.*
- 2) *There exists a boundary point  $p$  which is a singular point of second kind with respect to  $N$ -Martin's topology such that*

$$G \overset{N}{\ni} p \text{ implies } G \in O_{AB},$$

where  $G \overset{N}{\ni} p$  means  $G$  is a fine neighbourhood of  $p$  with respect to the

*N-Martin's topology.*

PROBLEM. Does there exist an end  $G$  of a Riemann surface  $\in O_g$  with a boundary component  $\wp$  of  $H\text{-dim}=1$  such that

$$G - F \overset{K}{\ni} \wp \text{ implies } G - F \in O_{AB}$$

for any closed set  $F$  in  $G$ ?

where  $G - F \overset{K}{\ni} \wp$  means that  $G - F$  is a fine neighbourhood of  $\wp$  relative to Martin's topology  $\mathfrak{M}$  over  $\bar{G}$  and  $\wp$  is uniquely determined minimal point of  $G$  over  $\wp$  with respect to  $\mathfrak{M}$ .

Now this problem is open. In this paper we shall discuss a boundary component of special type. For latter use we note some remarks.

REMARK 1. Let  $G$  be an end of  $R \in O_g$  and let  $\Delta(G)$  be the set of boundary components of  $G$ . Let  $U_i(z) : i=1, 2, \dots, i_0$  be an *HB* (a bounded harmonic function) in  $G + \partial G$ . Then it is known,  $U_i(z)$  is an *HBD* (a bounded and Dirichlet-bounded harmonic function) in  $G$  and there exists a sequence of curves  $\{\Gamma_n\}$  in  $G$ , consisting of a finite number of analytic curves such that  $\Gamma_n \rightarrow \Delta(G)$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $\Gamma_n$  separates  $\Delta(G)$  from  $\partial G$  and

$$\int_{\Gamma_n} \left| \frac{\partial}{\partial n} U_i(z) \right| ds \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty : i=1, 2, \dots, i_0.$$

REMARK 2. Let  $G(z, z_0)$  be a Green function of  $G$  of  $R \in O_g$  with a boundary component  $\wp$  of  $H\text{-dim}=1$ . Then by  $R \in O_g$ ,  $G(z, z_0) < \text{Max}_{z \in \partial G'} G(z, z_0)$  on  $G' : z_0 \in G - \bar{G}'$  for any subend  $G'$  of  $G$ , whence  $G(z, z_0)$  is an *HBD* in  $G'$  and by Remark 1  $\int_{\partial G} \frac{\partial}{\partial n} G(z, z_0) ds = 2\pi$ . Let  $\{p_i\}$  be a sequence such that  $p_i \rightarrow \wp$  and  $G(z, p_i) \rightarrow$  an *HP*.  $U(z)$ . Then  $\int_{\partial G} \frac{\partial}{\partial n} U(z) ds = \lim_i \int_{\partial G} \frac{\partial}{\partial n} G(z, p_i) ds = 2\pi$ . Since  $\wp$  is of  $H\text{-dim}=1$ , for any other sequence  $\{q_i\}$ ,  $\lim_i G(z, q_i)$  is also  $U(z)$ . Hence  $\lim_i G(z, p_i)$  exists for any sequence  $\{p_i\}$  with  $p_i \rightarrow \wp$ . Put  $G(z, \wp) = \lim_i G(z, p_i)$ . Then any *HP* function in  $G$  vanishing on  $\partial G$  is a multiple of  $G(z, \wp)$ .

REMARK 3. As for Martin's topology. Let  $R$  be a Riemann surface  $\in$

$O_g$ . Let  $U(z)$  be an SPH (a positive superharmonic function) in  $R$ . Let  $F$  be a closed set in  $R$ . We denote by  $U_F(z)$  the least SPH larger than  $U(z)$  on  $F$ . Suppose Martin's topology  $\mathfrak{M}$  is defined on  $\bar{R}=R + \Delta$  ( $\Delta$  is the boundary of  $R$  relative to  $\mathfrak{M}$ ). For a point  $p \in \bar{R}$ ,  $U_p(z)$  is defined as  $\lim_n U_{v_n}(z)$ , where  $v_n$  is a neighbourhood of  $p$  relative to  $\mathfrak{M}$ . Let  $\Delta_1$  be the set of minimal boundary points. Let  $p \in R + \Delta_1$  and  $K(z, p)$  be the kernel of  $p$ . If

$$K_F(z, p) < K(z, p),$$

we say  $F$  is thin at  $p$  (or  $CF$  is a fine neighbourhood of  $p$ ) and we denote by  $CF \overset{K}{\ni} p$ . Then it is easily seen that  $F$  is thin at  $p$  if and only if,

$${}_p(K_F(z, p)) = 0.$$

In fact, suppose  $CF \overset{K}{\ni} p$ . Then  $K(z, p) > K_F(z, p)$ . Assume  ${}_p(K_F(z, p)) > 0$ , then  ${}_p(K_F(z, p)) = aK(z, p) : a < 1$ .  $K(z, p)$  is an HP and  $K_F(z, p) - aK(z, p)$  is an SPH and  $= (1-a)K(z, p)$  on  $\partial F$ . By the definition of  $K_F(z, p)$   $K_F(z, p) - aK(z, p) \geq (1-a)K_F(z, p)$ . This implies  $aK_F(z, p) \geq aK(z, p)$ . Hence  $a=0$  and  ${}_p(K_F(z, p)) = 0$ . Conversely clearly  ${}_p(K_F(z, p)) = 0$  implies  $CF \overset{K}{\ni} p$ .

Let  $\Delta_{I, \delta}$  be the set of point  $q$  in  $\Delta$  such that

$$\overline{\lim}_{z \rightarrow q} G(z, z_0) \geq \delta > 0.$$

We call  $\Delta_I = \bigcup_{\delta > 0} \Delta_{I, \delta}$  the set of irregular points.

If an HP  $U(z)$  satisfies following conditions :

- 1)  $U(z)$  is a singular function.
- 2) There exists a const.  $\alpha$  not depending on  $M$  such that

$$D(\text{Min}(M, U(z))) \leq M\alpha : M < \infty.$$

We call  $U(z)$  a  $G$ .  $G$ . (a generalized Green function). Then we proved<sup>3)</sup>. There exists a positive mass  $\mu$  such that

$$U(z) = \int_{\Delta_I} K(z, p) d\mu(p).$$

REMARK 4. Let  $U(z)$  be an *HP* in  $G$ . Let  $F$  be a closed set. We denote the greatest *HP* in  $G-F$  which is not larger than  $U(z)$  and vanishing on  $F$  (except a set of capacity zero) by  $\overset{G}{I}_{G-F}[U(z)]$ . Let  $V(z)$  be an *HP* in  $G-F$  vanishing on  $F$  (except a set of capacity zero). We denote by  $\overset{G}{E}_{G-F}[V(z)]$  the least *HP* in  $G$  which is not smaller than  $V(z)$ . Then

$$\text{if } \overset{G}{E}_{G-F}[V(z)] < \infty, \quad \overset{G}{I}_{G-F}[\overset{G}{E}_{G-F}[V(z)]] = V(z).^{4)}$$

REMARK 5. Apply the results of the Remark 4 to an end  $G$  of  $R \in O_g$  with a boundary component  $\nu$  of  $H\text{-dim}=1$ . Let  $F$  be a closed set. Let  $G(z, z_0)$  and  $G'(z, z_0)$  be Green functions of  $G$  and  $G-F$  respectively. We suppose Martin's topologies  $\mathfrak{M}$  and  $\mathfrak{M}'$  are defined on  $\bar{G}$  and  $\overline{G-F}$ . Since  $\nu$  is of  $H\text{-dim}=1$ , there exists only one minimal point  $p$  (relative to  $\mathfrak{M}$ ) over  $\nu$  and  $K(z, p)$  is a multiple of  $G(z, \nu)$ . Then we have

PROPOSITION 1.  $F$  is irregular at  $\nu$  if and only if  $F$  is thin at  $p$ . If  $G-F \overset{K}{\ni} p$ ,  $G(z, \nu) - G_F(z, \nu) = \overset{G}{I}_{G-F}[G(z, \nu)]$  is minimal and there exists an  $\mathfrak{M}'$ -minimal point  $q$  over  $\nu$ . Hence let  $\{p_i\}$  be a sequence in  $G-F$  such that  $p_i \rightarrow \nu$  and  $G'(z, p_i) \rightarrow$  an *HP*.  $U(z)$ . Then  $U(z)$  is a multiple of  $\overset{G}{I}_{G-F}[G(z, \nu)]$ .

2. Further if  $F$  is completely irregular at  $\nu$ , there exists no other  $\mathfrak{M}'$ -points except  $q$  over  $\nu$ . Hence any singular function in  $G'=G-F$  is a multiple of  $\overset{G}{I}_{G-F}[G(z, \nu)]$ , especially  $K'(z, q)$  is also its multiple.

Proof of 1). Suppose  $F$  is irregular at  $\nu$ , then there exists a sequence  $\{p_i\}$  tending to  $\nu$  such that  $G_F(z, p_i)$  and  $G'(z, p_i)$  tend to an *SPH*  $V(z)$  in  $G$  and to an *HP*.  $G(z)$  in  $G'$  respectively and  $G'(p_i, z_0) \geq \delta > 0$ , whence  $G(z) > 0$ . Evidently  $V(z) = G(z, \nu)$  on  $F$ . By definition

$$G_F(z, \nu) \leq V(z).$$

$$G(z, \nu) - G_F(z, \nu) \geq G(z, \nu) - V(z) = \lim_i (G(z, p_i) - G_F(z, p_i)) =$$

$$\lim_i G'(z, p_i) = G(z). \quad \text{Hence}$$

$$G-F \overset{K}{\ni} p.$$

Next suppose  $G - F \stackrel{K}{\ni} p$ . Let  $\{R_n\}$  be an exhaustion of  $R$ , where  $G$  is an end of  $R$ . Put  $F_m = F \cap \bar{R}_m$ . Then  $G_{F_m}(z, p) \uparrow G_F(z, p) \leq G(z, p)$  as  $m \rightarrow \infty$ . Since  $F_m$  is compact,  $G(z, p_i) - G_{F_m}(z, p_i) = G'_m(z, p_i) : p_i \in G - F_m$ , where  $G'_m(z, p_i)$  is a Green function of  $G - F_m$  and

$$D(\text{Min}(M, G'_m(z, p_i))) = 2\pi M : M < \infty.$$

By the lower semicontinuity of Dirichlet integrals, by letting  $i \rightarrow \infty$  and then  $m \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $D(\text{Min}(M, (G(z, p) - G_F(z, p)))) \leq 2\pi M$ . Evidently  $G(z, p) - G_F(z, p)$  is a singular function in  $G'$  and is a  $G$ .  $G$ . in  $G'$ . By Remark 3  $0 < G(z, p) - G_F(z, p) = \int_{\Delta_I} K'(z, q) d\mu(q)$ , where  $K'(z, q)$  is the kernel of  $q$  with respect to  $\mathfrak{M}'$ .

Let  $I$  be the set of irregular point of  $F$  in  $G$ . Then  $I$  is of capacity zero. Since  $G(z, p) - G_F(z, p) < \infty$  in  $G$ ,  $\mu$  must be  $= 0$  on  $I$ . Hence  $\mu$  must lie over  $\Delta^{\text{m}'}(p) = \mathfrak{M}'$ -boundary points over  $p$ . i. e. there exists a point  $q$  in  $\Delta_I$  with respect to  $\mathfrak{M}'$  and there exists a sequence  $\{q_i\}$  in  $G'$  such that  $\overline{\lim}_{q_i \rightarrow q} G'(q_i, z_0) > 0$ .

Hence  $F$  is irregular at  $p$ .

By definition  $G(z, p) - G_F(z, p) \leq \overset{G}{I}_{G-F} [G(z, p)]$ . Put  $G_{n+i} = G \cap R_{n+i}$ .

Let  $U_{n, n+i}(z)$  be the solution of the Dirichlet problem  $H_\varphi^{G_{n+i}-F_n}$  in  $G_{n+i} - F_n$  with boundary value  $\varphi = G(z, p)$  on  $F_n, = 0$  elsewhere. Then  $U_{n, n+i}(z) \nearrow G_{F_n}(z, p)$  as  $i \rightarrow \infty$  and  $G_{F_n}(z, p) \uparrow G_F(z, p)$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Let  $V_{n+i}(z) = H_\psi^{G_{n+i}-F} : \psi = G(z, p)$  on  $\partial G_{n+i} - F = 0$  elsewhere. Then  $V_{n+i}(z) \downarrow \overset{G}{I}_{G-F} [G(z, p)]$  as  $n+i \rightarrow \infty$ . Now

$$G(z, p) - U_{n, n+i}(z) \geq V_{n+i}(z).$$

Let  $i \rightarrow \infty$  and then  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Then  $G(z, p) - G_F(z, p) \geq I[\overset{G}{I}_{G-F}(z, p)]$ . Thus

$G(z, p) - G_F(z, p) = \overset{G}{I}_{G-F} [G(z, p)]$ . The minimality of  $G(z, p)$  implies the minimality of  $\overset{G}{I}_{G-F} [G(z, p)]$  in  $G'$ . Hence the mass  $\mu$  must be a point mass

on the uniquely determined point  $q$  in  $\Delta^{\text{m}'}$  over  $p$ . Let  $U(z) = \lim_i G'(z, p_i)$ .

Then  $U(z) \leq G(z, p)$  and  $\overset{G}{E}_{G-F} [U(z)] < \infty$ . Hence  $U(z) = \overset{G}{I}_{G'} [\overset{G}{E}_{G'} [U(z)]]$

$\leq \overset{G}{I}_{G'} [G(z, p)]$  and  $U(z)$  is a multiple of  $\overset{G}{I}_{G-F} [G(z, p)]$ .

2) By the definition, there exists a sequence of curves  $\{\Gamma_n\}$  separating  $p$

from  $\partial G$  and  $\text{Min}_{z \in \Gamma_n} G'(z, z_0) > \delta > 0$ . Let  $q$  be  $\mathfrak{M}'$ -minimal point over  $\wp$ . Then  $q$  is  $\mathfrak{M}'$ -accessible. There exists a curve  $\Lambda$   $\mathfrak{M}'$ -tending to  $q$  and intersecting  $\Gamma_n$  at  $q_n$ .

$$\begin{aligned} K'(z, q_n) &= \frac{G'(z, q_n)}{G'(z_0, q_n)} \leq \frac{G'(z, q_n)}{\delta} \leq \frac{G(z, q_n)}{\delta}, \quad K'(z, q) \\ &= \lim_n K'(z, q_n) \leq \frac{G(z, \wp)}{\delta} \quad \text{and} \quad \overset{G}{E}_{G-F} [K'(z, q)] < \infty. \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $K'(z, q) = I[E[K'(z, q)]] \leq \frac{1}{\delta} \overset{G}{I}_{G-F} [G(z, \wp)]$  and  $K'(z, q)$  is a multiple of  $\overset{G}{I}_{G-F} [G(z, \wp)]$ . Hence there exists only one  $\mathfrak{M}'$ -minimal point  $q$  over  $\wp$ .

**PROBLEM.** Under the condition:  $\wp$  is of  $H\text{-dim}=1$  and  $F$  is irregular at  $\wp$  (without completely irregularity), can we conclude that there exists only one  $\mathfrak{M}'$ -minimal point over  $\wp$ ?

**C-type boundary component.** Concentrated rings<sup>5)</sup>.

Let  $\Omega = \{0 < |z| < 1\}$  be a punctured disk in the  $z$ -plane. Let  $\mathfrak{R} = \{r \exp(-2\alpha) < |z| < r \exp(2\alpha)\} : \alpha > 0$  be a ring. Let  $S_{ij}$  be a sector such that

$$\begin{aligned} S_{ij} &= \{j-1\}\beta_i \leq \arg z \leq j\beta_i : \beta_i = 2\pi/2^{i-1} : \\ &j=1, 2, 3, \dots, 2^{i-1}, i=1, 2, 3, \dots, i_0. \end{aligned}$$

i. e.  $S_{1,1}, S_{2,1}, S_{2,2}, S_{3,1}, S_{3,2}, S_{3,3}, S_{3,4}, S_{4,1}, \dots$

Let  $L_{ij}$  be a half line such that

$$L_{ij} = \{\arg z = (j-1 + \frac{1}{2})\beta_i\} : j=1, 2, 3, \dots, 2^{i-1}, i=1, 2, 3, \dots, i_0.$$

Let  $s_{i,k}$  and  $s'_{i,k}$  be slits such that, by putting  $\gamma = \frac{\alpha}{2^{i_0}}$ ,  $s_{i,k} = \{r \exp(2\alpha + (2i-1)\gamma) \leq |z| \leq r \exp(-2\alpha + 2i\gamma), \arg z = k\eta\}$ .  $s'_{i,k} = \{r \exp(2\alpha - 2i\gamma) \leq |z| \leq r \exp(2\alpha - (2i-1)\gamma), \arg z = k\eta\}$ .  $k=1, 2, 3, 4, \dots, (2^{i_0}m_0)$ ,  $i=1, 2, 3, \dots, i_0$  and  $\eta = 2\pi/(2^{i_0} \times m_0)$ . For an  $i$ , identify edges of  $s_{i,k}$  and  $s'_{i,k}$  in  $S_{ij}$  lying symmetrically with respect to  $L_{ij}$ :  $j=1, 2, 3, \dots, 2^{i-1}$ . Such operation is performed for  $i=1, 2, 3, \dots, i_0$ . Then we have a generalized ring  $\mathfrak{R}'$ . We see for any  $\varepsilon > 0$ , we can find  $i_0$  and  $m_0$ <sup>5)</sup> such that

$$\text{Os of } U(z) \text{ on } \{|z| = \rho\} < \varepsilon : r \exp(-\frac{3\alpha}{4}) \leq \rho \leq r \exp(\frac{3\alpha}{4})$$

for any *HB* function  $U(z)$  with  $|U(z)| \leq 1$  in  $\mathfrak{R}'$ , where  $O_s$  means the oscillation of  $U(z)$ . Let  $\{\epsilon_n\}$  be a sequence. We denote such  $\mathfrak{R}'$  by  $\mathfrak{R}'(r, \alpha, \epsilon_n)$  and call it a concentrated ring with deviation  $\epsilon_n$ . Let  $\Omega = \{0 < |z| < 1\}$ ,  $a > 4\alpha > 0$  and  $r_n = \exp(-na)$ . Construct a concentrated ring  $\mathfrak{R}'(r_n, \alpha, \epsilon_n)$  from a ring  $\mathfrak{R}_n = \{r_n \exp(-2\alpha) < |z| < r_n \exp(2\alpha)\}$ ,  $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$  and make the part  $\Omega - \sum \mathfrak{R}_n$  remain as original. Then  $G = \Omega - \sum \mathfrak{R}_n + \sum \overline{\mathfrak{R}'(r_n, \alpha, \epsilon_n)}$  is an end  $G$  of a Riemann surface  $\in O_g$ . Since every  $\mathfrak{R}'(r_n, \alpha, \epsilon_n)$  contains an ordinary ring with module  $2\alpha$ ,  $G$  has a boundary component  $\nu$  of  $H\text{-dim} = 1$  by M. Heins's<sup>6)</sup> theorem. In the following we denote by  $z$  a point in  $G$  also. Then evidently  $G(z, \nu) = -\log |z|$ . We call such boundary component  $\nu$  a *C-type* component defined by

$$\mathfrak{R}'_n(\exp(-na), \alpha, \epsilon_n) : a > 4\alpha.$$

**THEOREM.** *Let  $\nu$  be a C-type boundary component of  $G$  defined by  $\mathfrak{R}'_n(r_n, \alpha, \epsilon_n) : r_n = \exp(-na)$ , where  $\lim_n \epsilon_n = 0$  and  $\lim_n (n/\log \epsilon_n) = 0$ . Let  $F$  be a closed set in  $G$  such that  $G - F$  is connected,  $F$  be irregular at  $\nu$  and  $F$  be so slightly distributed somewhere as there exists a subsequence  $\{n'\}$  of  $\{n\}$  such that  $F$  satisfies the condition A:*

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Min}_{\rho''_{n'} \leq \rho \leq \rho'_{n'}} (\text{Max}_{|z|=\rho} (W(F, z, \mathfrak{R}'_{n'}))) < \epsilon_{n'} : \\ & \rho'_{n'} = r_n \exp\left(\frac{3\alpha}{4}\right), \quad \rho''_{n'} = r_n \exp\left(-\frac{3\alpha}{4}\right), \end{aligned}$$

where  $W(F, z, \mathfrak{R}'_n)$  is an *H. M.* (a harmonic measure) of  $F$  relative to  $\mathfrak{R}'_n(r_n, \alpha, \epsilon_n)$ . Then for any subend  $G'$  of  $G$  we have

$$G' - F \in O_{AB}.$$

**PROOF.** Assume  $G' - F \notin O_{AB}$ . Then there exists an *AB* (a bounded analytic function)  $w = f(z)$  in  $G_\rho - F$  with  $|f(z)| \leq 1$ , where  $G_\rho = \{|z| < \rho < 1\} \subset G'$ . From the condition A there exists a sequence of dividing cuts  $\Gamma_{n'} = \{|z| = r'_{n'}\} : \rho''_{n'} \leq r'_{n'} \leq \rho'_{n'}$  on which  $W(F, z, \mathfrak{R}'_{n'}) < \epsilon_{n'}$ , where  $\{n'\}$  is a subsequence of  $\{n\}$ . Clearly  $\Gamma_{n'} \cap F = \emptyset$ .  $\Gamma_{n'}$  divides  $G_\rho$  into two parts. We denote by  $v_{n'}(\nu)$  the part containing  $\Gamma_{m'} : m' > n'$ . Then  $\{v_{n'}(\nu)\}$  is a determining sequence of  $\nu$ . For the simplicity put  $G = G_\rho$  and  $G' = G_\rho - F$ . We remark. Let  $U(z)$  be an *HB* in  $\mathfrak{R}'_{n'}(r_{n'}, \alpha, \epsilon_{n'}) - F$  such that  $|U(z)| \leq 1$ . Let  $U'(z) = H_g^{\mathfrak{R}'_{n'}} : g = U(z)$  on  $\partial \mathfrak{R}'_{n'}(r_{n'}, \alpha, \epsilon_{n'})$ . Then

$$|U(z) - U'(z)| \leq W(F, z, \mathfrak{R}'_{n'}).$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Hence } O_s \text{ of } U(s) \text{ on } \Gamma_{n'} \leq O_s \text{ of } U'(z) \text{ on } \Gamma_{n'} + 2 \operatorname{Max}_{z \in \Gamma_{n'}} W(F, z, \varepsilon_{n'}) \\ \leq 3\varepsilon_{n'} \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

Let  $G(z, z_0)$  and  $G'(z, z_0) : z_0 \in G'$  be Green functions of  $G$  and  $G'$  respectively. Let  $n_0$  be a number such that  $v_{n_0}(\wp) \subset G$  and  $z_0 \notin v_{n_0}(\wp)$ . Since  $G$  is an end of a Riemann surface  $\in O_g$ , by the maximum principle

$$G'(z, z_0) < M = \operatorname{Max}_{z \in \partial v_{n_0}(\wp)} G'(z, z_0) : z \in (G' \cap v_{n_0}(\wp)).$$

Hence by (1)

$$O_s \text{ of } G'(z, z_0) \text{ on } \Gamma_{n'} < 3 \varepsilon_{n'} M : n' > n_0 + 1.$$

Since  $F$  is irregular at  $\wp$ , there exists a const.  $\delta > 0$  such that  $\overline{\lim}_{z \rightarrow \wp} G'(z, z_0) > 2\delta$ . Let  $N_{n'} = \operatorname{Min}_{z \in \Gamma_{n'}} G'(z, z_0)$ . Then

$$G'(z, z_0) < \operatorname{Max}_{z \in \Gamma_{n'}} G'(z, z_0) \leq N_{n'} + 3M\varepsilon_{n'} : z \in v_{n'}(\wp), \quad n' \geq n_0 + 1.$$

Now since  $\varepsilon_{n'} \rightarrow 0$ , there exists a number  $n_1$  such that  $N_{n'} > \frac{3\delta}{2} : n' > n_1$ , i. e.

$$\Gamma_{n'} = \partial v_{n'}(\wp) \subset G^\delta = \{z \in G' : G'(z, z_0) > \delta\} : n' > n_1.$$

and  $F$  is completely thin at  $\wp$  and by the proposition, any *HP* function in  $G' = G - F$  vanishing on  $\partial G + F$  is a multiple of  $G'^*(z, \wp) = \int_{G-F}^G [G(z, \wp)] : G(z, \wp) = -\log |z| + \log \rho$ . We show

$$\lim_{\substack{z \rightarrow \wp \\ z \in G^\delta}} f(z) \text{ exists.}$$

Let  $G^w(w, q)$  be a Green function of  $|w| < 1$ . Then  $G^w(f(z_1), f(z_2)) \geq G'(z_1, z_2)$ . Assume there exist sequences  $\{p_n^1\}$  and  $\{p_n^2\}$  such that  $\lim_n f(p_n^1) = w_1 \neq w_2 = \lim_n f(p_n^2)$ . Then  $G^w(f(z), f(p_n^i)) \geq G'(z, p_n^i) : i=1, 2$ . Choose subsequence  $\{p_{n'}^i\}$  of  $\{p_n^i\}$  such that  $G'(z, p_{n'}^i) \rightarrow$  an *HP*.  $U^i(z) : i=1, 2$ . By the proposition 1.  $U^i(z) = \alpha_i G'^*(z, \wp) : \alpha_i > 0$  by  $p_{n'}^i \in G^\delta$ . Then

$$\infty > \operatorname{Sup}_w (\operatorname{Min}(G^w(w, w_1), G^w(w, w_2))) \geq (\operatorname{Min}(\alpha_1, \alpha_2)) G'^*(z, \wp) > 0.$$

This is a contradiction. Now  $\{p_n^i\}$  is an arbitrary sequence in  $G^\delta$ . Hence

$$\lim_{\substack{z \rightarrow \wp \\ z \in G^\delta}} f(z) \text{ exists.}$$

In the following we suppose  $\lim_{\substack{z \rightarrow \wp \\ z \in G^\delta}} f(z) = 0, |f(z)| \leq 1$ . We can find a closed set  $F' \supset F$  without disturbing the condition  $A$  such that  $f(z) \neq 0$  on  $\partial F'$ ,  $f(z)$  is analytic on  $\partial F'$  and every point of  $\partial F'$  is regular. We can suppose from the first  $f(z)$  and  $F$  satisfy the above conditions. Similarly we can suppose also  $f(z) \neq 0$  on  $\partial G$ . Now

$$\log \frac{1}{|f(z)|} = S(z) + \sum_i G'(z, p_i) + V(z) : z \in G'.$$

where  $S(z)$  is a non negative singular function,  $p_i$  is a zero point of  $f(z)$  and  $V(z)$  is a non negative quasibounded harmonic function. By the assumption of  $F$ , zero points of  $f(z)$  has no accumulating point in  $G - F + \partial G + \partial F$  and  $V(z) = H_g^G : g = -\log |f(z)|$  on  $\partial F + \partial G$ . Since  $G$  is an end of a Riemann surface  $\in O_g$ , such  $H_g^G$  is uniquely determined and  $V(z) = -\log |f(z)|$  on  $\partial G + \partial F$ , though  $g$  is not bounded, by the existence of *SPH*.  $-\log |f(z)|$  and by the regularity of  $\partial F$ . Hence  $S(z) = 0$  on  $\partial G + \partial F$  and by the proposition  $S(z) = b G^*(z, \wp) : \infty > b \geq 0$ . For any two points  $z$  and  $q$  in  $G'$

$$\log \left| \frac{1 - \bar{f}(q)f(z)}{f(z) - f(q)} \right| = G^w(f(z), f(q)) \geq G'(z, q). \tag{2}$$

Now there exists a sequence  $\{p_n\}$  in  $G^\delta$  such that  $p_n \rightarrow \wp$  and  $G'(z, p_n) \rightarrow$  an *HP*.  $U(z)$ . Then  $f(p_n) \rightarrow 0$ . By  $p_n \in G^\delta$  and by proposition  $U(z) = a' G^*(z, \wp) : G^*(z, \wp) = \int_{G-F}^G G(z, \wp)$ .  $a' > 0$  and  $a'$  depends only on  $\{p_n\}$ .

Putting  $p_n = q$  and then  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Then by 2)  $-\log |f(z)| \geq a' G^*(z, \wp)$ . Clearly  $G^*(z, \wp)$  is singular, hence

$$S(z) = b G^*(z, \wp) : b \geq a' > 0. \tag{3}$$

Let  $T(z) = \sum_i G(z, p_i) + V(z)$  and  $\eta_{n'} = \text{Min} \frac{T(z)}{S(z)} : z \in \Gamma_{n'}$ . Assume  $\eta = \overline{\lim}_{n'} \eta_{n'} > 0$ . Then we have at once  $T(z) \geq \eta S(z)$  by  $S(z) = S_{\Gamma_{n'}}(z)$  in  $G' - v_{n'}(\wp)$ . This is a contradiction. Hence  $\eta = 0$  and there exists a number  $n_2$  and a point  $z'_{n'}$  on  $\Gamma_{n'} = \partial v_{n'}(\wp)$  such that

$$T(z'_{n'}) \leq \frac{1}{2} S(z'_{n'}) : n' \geq n_2.$$

Now  $G'^*(z, \rho) = \frac{G}{G-F} [G(z, \rho)] \leq -\log |z| + \log \rho \leq -\log |z|$ . By  $r'_m \geq r_n \exp(-\frac{3\alpha}{4}) = \exp(-na - \frac{3\alpha}{4})$ , we have by  $-\log |f(z'_n)| \leq \frac{3b}{2} G'^*(z'_n, \rho)$

$$0 > \log |f(z'_n)| \geq \frac{3b}{2} (-n'a - \frac{3\alpha}{4}) : n' \geq n_2. \quad (4)$$

$\operatorname{Re} f(z)$  and  $\operatorname{Im} f(z)$  are *HB.s* in  $\mathfrak{R}'_n(r_n, \alpha, \varepsilon_n) - F$ . Then by (1)

$$|f(z) - f(z'_n)| < 6\varepsilon_n : z \in \Gamma_{n'}.$$

This means that the image  $f(\partial v_{n'}(\rho))$  of  $\partial v_{n'}(\rho)$  is contained in a circle  $C_{n'} = \{|w - f(z'_n)| < 6\varepsilon_n\}$ . Put  $C^w = \{|w - t| < \rho\} : 1 > |t| + \rho, |t| > \rho > 0$ . Let  $W(C^w, w)$  be the *H. M* of  $C^w$  with respect to  $\{|w| < 1\}$ . Then we have by a brief computation

$$W(C^w, 0) < 2 \log |t| / \log \rho : |t| < \frac{1}{4}.$$

Hence by (4) the value of *H. M* of  $f(\partial v_{n'}(\rho))$  with respect to  $|w| < 1$  at  $w = 0 \leq -3b(n'a + \frac{3\alpha}{4}) / \log 6\varepsilon_n = l(n')$ .

By the assumption  $\lim_n n' / \log \varepsilon_n = 0$ , for given  $i$  we can find a number  $m(i)$  such that  $l(n'_{m(i)}) < \frac{1}{2^i}$ . Hence we can find a subsequence  $\{n'_i\}$  of  $\{n'\}$  satisfying  $l(n'_i) < \frac{1}{2^i}$ . In the sequel we attend to only this subsequence. Then

$$\sum_i W(f(\partial v_{n'_i}(\rho)), 0) < \infty.$$

This means  $\mathfrak{F} = \sum_i f(\partial v_{n'_i}(\rho))$  is irregular at  $w = 0$ . Suppose Martin' topology  $\mathfrak{N}^w$  is defined over  $|w| \leq 1$ . Then  $K(w, 0) = C \log \frac{1}{|w|} = C G^w(w, 0)$  :  $C$  is a const. Let  $v_m = \{|w| < \frac{1}{m}\}$ . Then  $\{v_m\}$  is equivalent to  $\{v_m(0)\}$  :  $v_m(0) = \{w : \mathfrak{N}^w\text{-dist}(w, 0) < \frac{1}{m}\}$ , where  $\mathfrak{N}^w\text{-dist}$  means the distance of  $\mathfrak{N}^w$ . Hence by the Remark 3

$$\lim_m \bar{v}_m(G_{\mathfrak{F}}^w(w, 0)) = 0. \quad (5)$$

Compare  $G^w(f(z), 0)$  and  $S(z)$ . Since  $f(z) \rightarrow 0$  as  $z \rightarrow \wp$  in  $G^\circ$ , there exists a number  $n(m)$  for any given number  $m$  such that

$$f(\partial v_{n_i}(\wp)) \subset v_m : n'_i \geq n(m). \quad (6)$$

Let  $\tilde{v}_{n_i} = f^{-1}(f(\partial v_{n_i}(\wp)))$ . Then  $\tilde{v}_{n_i} \supset \partial v_{n_i}(\wp)$ . Since  $G^w(f(z), 0) \geq S(z) = bG'^*(z, \wp)$  on  $\tilde{v}_{n_i}$  and  $f(G-F)$  is contained in  $|w| < 1$ , we have by  $\mathfrak{F} \supset f(\tilde{v}_n) = f(\partial v_{n_i}(\wp))$  and by 3)

$$G_{\mathfrak{F}}^w(f(z), 0) \geq bG'_{v_{n_i}}^*(z, \wp) \geq bG'_{\partial v_{n_i}}^*(z, \wp).$$

Since  $v_{n_i}(\wp)$  is a determining sequence,  $G'_{\partial v_{n_i}}^*(z, \wp) = G'^*(z, \wp)$  in  $G - v_{n_i}(\wp)$ . Hence  $G_{\mathfrak{F}}^w(f(z), 0) \geq bG'^*(z, \wp) > 0$ . Also by (6)

$$\bar{v}_m(G_{\mathfrak{F}}^w(f(z), 0)) \geq bG'_{\partial v_{n_i}}^*(z, \wp) = bG'^*(z, \wp) > 0. \quad (7)$$

Let  $m \rightarrow \infty$ . Then by (5)  $G'^*(z, \wp) = 0$ . This is a contradiction. Hence

$$G' - F \in O_{AB}$$

for any subend  $G'$  of  $G$ .

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