

34. On the Behaviour of Analytic Functions on the Ideal Boundary. I

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The present paper is an application of the previous papers "Potentials on Riemann surfaces" and "Singular points of Riemann surfaces"¹⁾ which we abbreviate by P and S respectively. Notations and terminologies are to be referred to them.

Let R be a Riemann surface with positive boundary. Let $R_n (n=0, 1, 2, \dots)$ be an exhaustion with compact relative boundary ∂R_n . Let $N(z, p)$ be an N -Green's function. We suppose that N -Martin's topology is defined on $R - R_0 + B^N$, where B^N is the ideal boundary of R obtained by the completion of $R - R_0$ with respect to N -Martin's topology. We denote by B_1^N the set of N -minimal boundary point. Then $B_0^N = B^N - B_1^N$ is an F_σ set of *capacity zero*. Let G be a domain²⁾ in $R - R_0$ and let ${}_{CG}N(z, p) : p \in B_1^N$ be the least positive superharmonic function in $R - R_0$ with ${}_{CG}N(z, p) = N(z, p)$ on CG [${}_{CG}N(z, p) = \lim_{M \rightarrow \infty} U^M(z)$, where $U^M(z)$ is a harmonic function in G such that $U^M(z) = \min(M, N(z, p))$ on CG and $U^M(z)$ has M.D.I. (Minimal Dirichlet Integral) over G]. If $N(z, p) > {}_{CG}N(z, p)$, we say that G contains p N -approximately and denote it by $G \overset{N}{\ni} p$.

Let $G(z, p)$ be a Green's function of R . Put $K(z, p) = \frac{G(z, p)}{G(p_0, p)}$, where p_0 is a fixed point. We suppose that K -Martin's topology is defined in $R + B^K$ by use of $K(z, p)$, where B^K is the ideal boundary. Let B_1^K be the set of K -minimal boundary points of R . Then $B_0^K = B^K - B_1^K$ is an F_σ set of *harmonic measure zero*. Let G be a domain in R and let $K_{CG}(z, p)$ be the least positive superharmonic function in R with $K_{CG}(z, p) = K(z, p) : p \in B_1^K$ on CG . If $K(z, p) > K_{CG}(z, p)$, we say that G contains p K -approximately and denote it by $G \overset{K}{\ni} p$. Then we have the following

Lemma 1. a). 1). If $G_i \overset{N}{\ni} p : i=1, 2, \dots, l, \bigcap_i G_i \overset{N}{\ni} p$. 2). If $G \overset{N}{\ni} p$, $(\text{int } CG) \overset{N}{\ni} p$. 3). $E \left[z \in R + B^N, \text{dist}(z, p) < \frac{1}{n} \right] = v_n(p) \overset{N}{\ni} p$.

1) Z. Kuramochi: Potentials on Riemann surfaces; Singular points: Journ. Sci. Hokkaido Univ. **14** (1962).

2) We suppose that ∂G consists of at most enumerably infinite number of analytic curves clustering nowhere in R .

- b). 1). If $G_i \overset{K}{\ni} p : i=1, 2, \dots, l, \bigcap^l G_i \overset{K}{\ni} p$. 2). If $G \overset{K}{\ni} p$, (int $CG \overset{K}{\ni} p$).
 3). $E\left[z \in R + B^K, \text{dist}(z, p) < \frac{1}{n}\right] = v_n(p) \overset{K}{\ni} p$.

Proof of a). Case 1). p is singular: $\text{Cap}(p) > 0$. In this case the proof of a) is given in Theorem 8 of S .

Case 2). p is not singular: $\text{Cap}(p) = 0$ and $p \in B_1^N$. At first we show ${}_p(c_G N(z, p)) = 0$. Since p is one point $\in B_1^N$, ${}_p(c_G N(z, p)) = a_0 N(z, p) : a_0 \geq 0$. Since $\text{Cap}(p) = 0$, $N(z, p) - {}_p(c_G N(z, p)) = U_0(z)$ is superharmonic by Theorem 6 of P and by mass of $U_0(z) \leq 1$ we have $D(\min(M, U(z))) \leq 2\pi M$. Put

$${}_p(c_G N(z, p)) = a_0 N(z, p) + U_0(z), \quad {}_p U_0(z) = a_1 N(z, p),$$

$$U_n(z) = a_{n+1} N(z, p) + U_{n+1}(z), \text{ where } {}_p(U_n(z)) = a_{n+1} N(z, p) : n=1, 2, \dots$$

Then $D(\min(M, U_n(z))) \leq 2\pi M$, $U_n(z)$ is superharmonic, $U_n(z) \downarrow U_\infty(z)$ and $U_\infty(z)$ is also superharmonic by Theorem 4 of P . By $N(z, p) \geq {}_p(c_G N(z, p)) = \sum_{i=0}^\infty a_i N(z, p) + U_\infty(z)$ we have $\sum_{i=0}^\infty a_i \leq 1$ and $\lim_n a_n = 0$ and

$${}_p(U_\infty(z)) = \lim_n a_n N(z, p) = 0.$$

Suppose $G \overset{N}{\ni} p$. Then $N(z, p) > {}_p(c_G N(z, p))$ and $\sum_{i=0}^\infty a_i < 1$, whence $U_\infty(z) > 0$. Now $U_\infty(z) = (1 - \sum_{i=0}^\infty a_i) N(z, p)$ on CG and $U_\infty(z)$ is superharmonic. On the other hand, ${}_p(c_G N(z, p))$ is the least positive superharmonic function with ${}_p(c_G N(z, p)) = N(z, p)$ on CG . Hence $U_\infty(z) \geq (1 - \sum_{i=0}^\infty a_i) {}_p(c_G N(z, p))$ and ${}_p(c_G N(z, p)) = 0$. Suppose $G_i \overset{N}{\ni} p$. Then ${}_p(c_{G_i} N(z, p)) = 0$ and ${}_p(\sum_{i=1}^l c_{G_i} N(z, p)) \leq \sum_{i=1}^l {}_p(c_{G_i} N(z, p)) = 0$. Hence $N(z, p) = {}_p N(z, p) > {}_p(\sum_{i=1}^l c_{G_i} N(z, p))$, whence $N(z, p) > \sum_{i=1}^l c_{G_i} N(z, p)$. Thus $\bigcap^l G_i \overset{N}{\ni} p$. If $G \overset{N}{\ni} p$, ${}_p(c_{G \cap p} N(z, p)) \leq {}_p(c_G N(z, p)) = 0$. Similarly by int $CG \overset{N}{\ni} p$ ${}_p(c_{G \cap p} N(z, p)) = 0$. Now $N(z, p) = {}_p N(z, p) = {}_p \cap c_G N(z, p) + {}_p \cap G N(z, p) = 0$. This is a contradiction. Hence we have a). 2). The proof of a). 3) is given in Theorem 19 of S .

Proof of b). Let $U(z)$ be a positive superharmonic function and let F be a closed set of B^K . Then $U(z) - U_F(z)$ is superharmonic i.e. $U(z) - U_p(z)$ is superharmonic (F is not necessarily a closed set of harmonic measure zero). Hence we have b). 1 and b). 2 similarly as a). The proof of b). 3) is given in Theorem 3 of S .

Let $w = f(z) : z \in R$ be an analytic function whose values fall on the w -Riemann sphere. If the spherical area $A(f(z))$ of the image of R by $w = f(z)$ is finite, we call $f(z)$ a function of D -type. Map the universal covering surface R^∞ of R onto $|\zeta| < 1$ conformally by $z = z(\zeta)$. If the function $w = f(z(\zeta)) = f(\zeta)$ has angular limits a.e. on $|\zeta| = 1$, we call $f(z)$ a function of F -type. It is well known, if $w = f(z)$ is of bounded type (the characteristic function of $T(z)$ of $f(z)$ is

bounded), $T(\zeta) \leq T(z)^{3)}$ and $w=f(\zeta)$ is of F -type, where $T(\zeta)$ is the characteristic of $w=f(\zeta)$. Put $M^N(p)=\bigcap \overline{f(G_i)}:G_i \ni p$ and $M^K(p)=\bigcap \overline{f(G_i)}:G_i \ni p$, where the intersection is taken over all domains containing $N(K)$ -approximately. We see that by Lemma 1 that $M^N(p)(M^K(p))$ is closed and consists of only one point or of a continuum. Then we have the following

Theorem a). Denote by $S^N(S^K)$ the set of points such that $M^N(p)(M^K(p))$ is a continuum. Then if $w=f(z)$ is of D -type, $S^N+S_0^N$ does not contain any closed set of positive capacity.

b). If $w=f(z)$ is of F -type, $S^K+B_0^K$ does not contain any closed set of positive harmonic measure.

Lemma 2. a). Let G and $G':G \supset G'$ be domains such that $D(\omega^*(z)) < \infty$, where $\omega^*(z)$ is a harmonic function in $G-G'$ such that $\omega^*(z)=0$ on ∂G , $\omega^*(z)=1$ on $\partial G'$ and $\omega^*(z)$ has M.D.I. Let F be a closed subset of B^N . Then we can define C.P. of $F \cap G'$ relative to $G: \omega(F \cap G', z, G) = \lim_n \lim_i \omega_{n, n+i}(z)$, where $\omega_{n, n+i}(z)$ is a harmonic function in $(G \cap R_{n+i}) - (F_n \cap G'): F_n = E \left[z \in R + B^N, \text{dist}(F, z) \leq \frac{1}{n} \right]$ such that $\omega_{n, n+i}(z) = 0$ on $\partial G \cap R_{n+i}$, $\frac{\partial}{\partial n} \omega_{n, n+i}(z) = 0$ on $(\partial R_{n+i} \cap G) - (F_n \cap G')$, $\omega_{n, n+i}(z) = 1$ on $F_n \cap G'$. If $\omega(F \cap G', z, G) > 0$, G contains at least one point $p \in F \cap B_1^N$ N -approximately.

b). Let G be a domain and let F be a closed set of B^K . If $w(z, F, G) = \lim_n \lim_i w_{n, n+i}(z) > 0$, G contains at least one point $p \in B_1^K \cap F$ K -approximately, where $w_{n, n+i}(z)$ is a harmonic function in $(G \cap R_{n+i}) - F_n$ such that $w_{n, n+i}(z) = 0$ on $(\partial G \cap R_{n+i}) + \partial R_{n+i} - F_n$ and $w_{n, n+i}(z) = 1$ on $F_n = E \left[z \in R + B^K, \text{dist}(z, F) \leq \frac{1}{n} \right]$.

Proof of a). For the simplicity put $\omega(z) = \omega(F \cap G', z, G)$. Assume $\omega(z) > 0$. Put $D = D(\omega(z)) (< \infty)$. Then $\omega(z)$ has M.D.I. over $\Omega = E[z, \delta_1 < \omega(z) < \delta_2]: 0 < \delta_1 < \delta_2 < 1$ and there exists a regular niveau curve C_δ for almost all $\delta: C_\delta = E[z, \omega(z) = \delta]$. Put $U(z) = {}_{CG} \omega(z, F)$ ($\omega(F, z)$ is C.P. of F). Then $U(z)$ has M.D.I. over G , whence $U(z)$ has M.D.I. over Ω . Hence $U(z) = \lim_n U_n(z)$, where $U_n(z)$ is a harmonic function in $R_n \cap \Omega$ such that $U_n(z) = U(z)$ on C_{δ_i} ($i=1, 2$) $\frac{\partial}{\partial n} U_n(z) = 0$ on $\Omega \cap \partial R_n$, where C_{δ_i} is regular. Then by the Green's formula

$$\int_{C_{\delta_1}} U_n(z) \frac{\partial}{\partial n} \omega_n(z) ds = \int_{C_{\delta_2}} U_n(z) \frac{\partial}{\partial n} \omega_n(z) ds,$$

where $\omega_n(z)$ is a harmonic function in $\Omega \cap R_n$ such that $\omega_n(z) = \delta_i$ on

3) Z. Kuramochi: Dirichlet problem on Riemann surfaces. 1, Proc. Japan Acad., 30, 731-735 (1954).

C_{δ_i} and $\frac{\partial}{\partial n}\omega_n(z)=0$ on $\partial R_n \cap \Omega$ and $\lim_n \omega_n(z)=\omega(z)$. Let $n \rightarrow \infty$. Then by Theorem 3 of P we have $\int_{C_{\delta_1}} U(z) \frac{\partial}{\partial n} \omega(z) ds = \int_{C_{\delta_2}} U(z) \frac{\partial}{\partial n} \omega(z) ds$, $D = \int_{C_{\delta_i}} \frac{\partial}{\partial n} \omega(z) ds : i=1, 2$. Now $U(z) < 1$ in $R - R_0$, whence there exists a positive number ε_0 such that

$$\int_{C_{\delta_1}} U(z) \frac{\partial}{\partial n} \omega(z) ds < D(1 - \varepsilon_0). \text{ Let } \delta_2 \rightarrow 1. \text{ Then}$$

$$\int_{C_{\delta_2}} U(z) \frac{\partial}{\partial n} \omega(z) ds < D(1 - \varepsilon_0) < \int_{C_{\delta_2}} \omega(z) \frac{\partial}{\partial n} \omega(z) ds = D\delta_2 \text{ for } \delta_2 > 1 - \varepsilon_0.$$

Whence ${}_{CG}\omega(F, z) < \omega(F \cap G', z, G) \leq \omega(F, z)$ in G .

Now by Theorem 13 of P $\omega(F, z)$ is represented by a positive mass on $F \cap B_1^N : \omega(F, z) = \int N(z, p) d\mu(p)$. And by Theorem 4 of P ${}_{CG,n}\omega(F, z) \uparrow \omega(F, z)$, where $(CG)_n = CG \cap R_n$. Since $N(z, p)$ is *uniformly continuous with respect to p in every compact set not containing p* , $N(z, p_i) \rightarrow N(z, p)$ on $(CG)_n$ as $p_i \rightarrow p$. Now $N(z, p_i)$ and $N(z, p)$ are \bar{h} armonic in $R - R_0 - (CG)_n$, whence by the *maximum principle*

$$\max_{z \in R - R_0 - (CG)_n} |N(z, p_i) - N(z, p)| \leq \max_{z \in \partial(CG)_n} |N(z, p_i) - N(z, p)|.$$

Hence we can find a sequence of linear forms $V_m(z) = \sum c_i N(z, p_i) : c_i > 0 : m=1, 2, \dots$ such that $V_m(z) \rightarrow \omega(F, z)$ uniformly on $(CG)_n$ and ${}_{CG,n}V_m(z) = \sum c_i {}_{CG,n}N(z, p_i) \rightarrow \int {}_{CG,n}N(z, p) d\mu(p)$ uniformly on $(CG)_n$ as $m \rightarrow \infty$, whence by the *maximum principle* ${}_{CG,n}V_m(z) \rightarrow \int {}_{CG,n}N(z, p) d\mu(p)$ not only on $(CG)_n$ but also on $(CG)_n + (R - R_0 - (CG)_n) = R - R_0$, because ${}_{CG,n}(\sum c_i N(z, p_i)) = \sum c_i {}_{CG,n}N(z, p_i)$ is clear. Let $m \rightarrow \infty$. Then

$${}_{CG,n}\omega(F, z) = {}_{CG,n}\left(\int N(z, p) d\mu(p)\right) = \int {}_{CG,n}N(z, p) d\mu(p).$$

Let $n \rightarrow \infty$. Then by ${}_{CG,n}N(z, p) \uparrow {}_{CG}N(z, p)$ we have ${}_{CG}\omega(F, z) = \int {}_{CG}N(z, p) d\mu(p)$ and

$$\omega(F, z) = \int N(z, p) d\mu(p) > \int {}_{CG}N(z, p) d\mu(p) = {}_{CG}\omega(F, z).$$

Hence there exists at least a point $p \in F \cap B_1^N$ such that $N(z, p) > {}_{CG}N(z, p)$, i.e. $G \ni p$.

Proof of b). Assume $w(F, z, G) > 0$. Put $w(\partial G, z, G) = 1 - w(z, G \cap B^K, G) (\leq 1 - w(F, z, G))$. Put $G_{1-\varepsilon} = E[z \in G, w(F, z, G) < 1 - \varepsilon]$ and $G'_\varepsilon = E[z \in G, w(\partial G, z, G) > \varepsilon] : \frac{1}{3} > \varepsilon > 0$. Then by P.H.3 of P $w(F \cap G_{1-\varepsilon}, z, G) = 0 = w(G'_\varepsilon \cap B^K, z, G) \geq w(F \cap G'_\varepsilon, z, G)$. Hence by $w(F \cap (G_{1-\varepsilon} + G'_\varepsilon), z, G) \leq w(F \cap G_{1-\varepsilon}, z, G) + w(F \cap G'_\varepsilon, z, G) = 0$ and by $w(F \cap (G_{1-\varepsilon}$

$+G'_i), z, G)+w(F \cap (G_{1-\varepsilon}, z, G'_i), G) \geq w(F, z, G) > 0$ we have $w(F \cap CG_{1-\varepsilon} \cap CG'_i, z, G) > 0$ and $CG_{1-\varepsilon} \cap CG'_i$ is non void. Whence $w(F, z) - w_{CG}(F, z) \geq w(F, z, G) - w(\partial G, z, G) \geq 1 - 2\varepsilon > 0$ in $CG_{1-\varepsilon} \cap CG'_i$. Hence $w(F, z) \geq w_{CG}(F, z)$. Thus we have (b) as above.

We denote by $\delta M(p)$ the spherical diameter of $M(p)$. Let C be a circle in the w -sphere. Then $f^{-1}(C)$ consists of enumerably infinite number of domains. Then by the definition of $\delta M(p)$ we have easily the following

Lemma 3. *If $\text{dia}(C) < \delta_0$, any domain of $f^{-1}(C)$ does not contain N (or K) approximately a point such that $\delta M^N(p)(\delta M^K(p)) > \delta_0$.*

We have by Lemma 1 the following

Lemma 4. *If $M(p) = q$ (one point), there exists an asymptotic path L tending to p on which $f(z) \rightarrow q$ as $z \rightarrow p$.*

Lemma 5. *Let G be a domain in R . Then $E[p \in B_1^L, p \notin G]$ is a G_δ set in B_1^L . Let $C_{n,i}$ ($i=1,2,\dots$) be a system of spherical circles with radius $\frac{1}{n}$ such that any circle with radius $\frac{1}{3n}$ is contained in a certain $C_{n,i}$. Put $T_{n,i}^L = E[p \in B_1^L, p \notin \text{any component of } f^{-1}(C_{n,i})]$ and $S_n^L = E[p \in B_1^L, \delta M(p) \geq \frac{1}{n}]$. Then $\bigcup_n S_n^L = \bigcup_n (\bigcap_i T_{n,i}^L)$ is a G_δ set in B_1^L , where $L=N$ or K .*

Proof. By the compactness of $(CG)_n \xrightarrow{CG \supset n} N(z, p_i) \rightarrow_{CG \supset n} N(z, p)$ as $p_i \rightarrow p$ and by ${}_{CG \supset n} N(z, p) \uparrow_{CG} N(z, p)$ as $N \rightarrow \infty$, $N(z, p) - {}_{CG} N(z, p)$ is upper semicontinuous and $E[p \in B_1^L, N(z, p) - {}_{CG} N(z, p) = 0]$ is a G_δ set in B . Now $f^{-1}(C_{n,i})$ consists of at most enumerably infinite number of domains. Hence $T_{n,i}^N$ is also a G_δ set. Clearly by $\text{dia}(C_{n,i}) = \frac{1}{n}$ $S_n \subset \bigcap_i T_{3n,i}$. Next assume $p \notin S_{3n}^N$. Then $\delta M(p) < \frac{1}{3n}$ and there exists a domain G such that $\text{dia}(f(G)) = \frac{1}{3n}$, $G_{n,i} \ni p$ and a circle $C_{n,i} \supset f(G)$. Hence $p \notin \bigcap_i T_{n,i}^N$ and $S_{3n}^N \supset \bigcap_i T_{n,i}^N$ and $\bigcup_n S_n^N = \bigcup_n (\bigcap_i T_{n,i}^N)$. Above facts for $K(z, p)$ are proved similarly.

Proof of the theorem. Proof of a). Assume that there exists a number n_0 such that $\bigcap_i T_{n_0,i}^N + B_0^N$ has a closed set F of positive capacity. Let C_i be a circle with radius $\frac{1}{5n_0}$ such that $\sum_i \text{int } C_i$ covers the w -sphere. Then by $\sum_{i,j} G_{i,j} \supset R - R_0$ ($G_{i,j}$ is a component of $f^{-1}(C_i)$) and by $\sum_{i,j} \omega(G \cap G_{i,j} \cap F, z) \geq \omega(F, z)$, there exists at least one domain G of $G_{i,j}$ such that $\omega(F \cap G, z) > 0$, where $\omega(F \cap G, z)$ is C.P. of $F \cap G$. Let \tilde{C}_i be a spherical circle with the same centre as that of C_i and with radius $\frac{2}{5n_0}$. Now by a rotation of the w -sphere we

can suppose without loss of generality that the closure of \tilde{C}_i does not contain the north pole of the sphere. Let \tilde{G} be a component of $f^{-1}(\tilde{C}_i)$ containing G . Let $U(z)$ be a continuous function in the w -sphere such that $U(z)$ is harmonic in $\tilde{C}_i - C_i$, $U(z) = 0$ on the complementary set of \tilde{C}_i and $U(w) = 1$ on the closure of C_i . Then $\max \left(\left| \frac{\partial U(w)}{\partial u} \right|, \left| \frac{\partial U(w)}{\partial v} \right| \right) = M < \infty : w = u + iv$. Consider the function $U(z) = U(f^{-1}(w)) : z \in R - R_0$. Then $D(U(z)) < M^2 AK$, where A is the spherical area of the image of R and $K = \text{maximum of } \frac{\text{area element}}{\text{spherical area element}}$ in \tilde{C}_i (clearly $K < \infty$). Let $\omega_n(z)$ be a continuous function in $R - R_0$ such that $\omega_n(z)$ is harmonic in $R - R_0 - (F_n \cap G) \left(F_n = E \left[z \in R + B^N, \text{dist}(z, F) \leq \frac{1}{n} \right] \right)$, $\omega_n(z) = 0$ on ∂R_0 , $\omega_n(z) = 1$ on $(F_n \cap G)$ and has M.D.I. Then there exists a number n' such that $D(\omega_n(z)) < L < \infty$ for $n \geq n'$ and $0 < \omega(F \cap G, z) = \lim_n \omega_n(z)$. Put $\tilde{\omega}_n(z) = \min(U(z), \omega_n(z))$. Then $\tilde{\omega}_n(z) = 0$ on $\partial R_0 + \partial \tilde{G}$, $\tilde{\omega}_n(z) = 1$ on $(F_n \cap G)$ and $D(\tilde{\omega}_n(z)) \leq D(\omega_n(z)) + D(U(z)) < L' < \infty$ for $n \geq n'$. Let $\tilde{\tilde{\omega}}_n(z)$ be a harmonic function in $\tilde{G} - (F_n \cap G)$ such that $\tilde{\tilde{\omega}}_n(z) = 0$ on $\partial \tilde{G}$, $\tilde{\tilde{\omega}}_n(z) = 1$ on $F_n \cap G$ and has M.D.I. Then by the Dirichlet principle

$$0 < D(\omega(F \cap G, z)) \leq D(\tilde{\tilde{\omega}}_n(z)) \leq D(\tilde{\omega}_n(z)) < L' \text{ for } n \geq n'.$$

Hence $\lim_n \tilde{\tilde{\omega}}_n(z) = \omega(F \cap G, z, \tilde{G}) > 0$. Hence by Lemma 2 \tilde{G} contains at least one point $p \in F \cap B_1^N N$ -approximately, on the hand, by Lemma 3 G does not contain any point of F by $\text{dia}(\tilde{C}) = \frac{4}{5n_0} < \delta M(p) \geq \frac{1}{n_0}$.

This is a contradiction. Hence we have a) by Lemma 5.

Proof of b). Assume $\bigcap_i T_{n_0, i}^K + B_0^K$ has a closed set F of positive harmonic measure. Then similarly as above, we can find domains G and \tilde{G} such that $w(F \cap G, z) > 0$ and $\text{dist}(f(G), f(\partial \tilde{G})) \geq \frac{1}{5n_0} > 0$.

Since $f(\zeta)$ is of F -type, we have $\text{mes } E > 0$ by $w(F \cap G, z) > 0$, where E is the set on $|\zeta| = 1$ on which $f(\zeta)$ has angular limits contained in $\overline{f(G)}$ and $w(F \cap G, z) = 1$ a.e. on E . Now $f(\partial \tilde{G})$ does not tend to E by $\text{dist}(f(G), f(\tilde{G})) > 0$ and we see $\omega(F \cap G, z, \tilde{G}) > 0$. Thus we have b) similarly as a).