

Square integrable normal differentials on Riemann surfaces*

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Introduction. In this article we shall study some properties on periods of abelian differentials square integrable on open Riemann surfaces. In §1 we shall show the relation of canonical differentials defined in [4] and Ahlfors' reproducing differentials [2], which play a fundamental role in the theory of abelian differentials. In §2 we shall prove a general periods theorem, namely, let $\Gamma_0 (\subset \Gamma_a)$ be a Hilbert space of square integrable analytic differentials and γ be a set of cycles for which corresponding reproducing differentials in Γ_0 are linearly independent, then Theorem 1 gives a necessary and sufficient condition in order that given complex numbers should be the periods of a differential of Γ_0 along γ . As its corollary we know the existence of three kinds of normal differentials, in particular, normal differentials of the first kind, for which in §3 some properties on corresponding Riemann matrix are shown. Theorem 3 is partly identical with Oikawa's results in his unpublished paper studying normal differentials under Ahlfors' and Accola's method.

§ 1

Let R be an arbitrary Riemann surface of genus g ($0 \leq g \leq \infty$)

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and $\{A_n, B_n\}_{n=1, \dots, g}$ and $\{C_\nu\}_{\nu=1, \dots, p}$ ($0 \leq p \leq \infty$) be a canonical homology basis on R such that (i) any cycle in R is homologous to a finite sum $\sum (p_n A_n + q_n B_n) + \sum r_\nu C_\nu$ where p_n, q_n and r_ν are integers; (ii) the intersection numbers are characterized by $A_i \times B_j = \delta_{ij}$, $A_i \times A_j = B_i \times B_j = 0$ for $i, j = 1, \dots, g$; (iii) any dividing cycle is homologous to a finite sum $\sum r_\nu C_\nu$.

Let Γ_a be the Hilbert space of analytic differentials square integrable over R where the scalar product and norm are defined by

$$(1) \quad (\phi, \psi) = \frac{i}{2} \int_R \phi \wedge \bar{\psi}, \quad \|\phi\|^2 = (\phi, \phi).$$

For $\phi = du + i^* du$, $\psi = du' + i^* du'$ one can write

$$(1') \quad (\phi, \psi) = D_R(du, du') - i D_R(du, *du'),$$

where $D_R(du, du') = \int_R du \wedge *du' = \int_R (u_x u'_x + u_y u'_y) dx dy$ stands for the mixed Dirichlet integral. Let Γ_{ae} and Γ_{ase} denote the subspaces of Γ_a consisting of exact and semi-exact differentials respectively. Now Virtanen's decomposition theorem can be expressed ([4]) as

$$\Gamma_a = \Gamma_{ase} \oplus \Gamma_C, \quad \Gamma_{ase} = \Gamma_{ae} \oplus \Gamma_{AB},$$

where Γ_C , orthogonal complement of Γ_{ase} , is spanned by analytic differentials $\{\varphi_{C_\nu}\}$ derived from generalized harmonic measures associated with dividing cycles $\{C_\nu\}$ and Γ_{AB} is spanned by semi-exact canonical differentials $\{\varphi_{A_n}, \varphi_{B_n}\}$ such that $Re \varphi_{A_n}, Re \varphi_{B_n}$ have no periods except along B_n resp. A_n where

$$(2) \quad Re \int_{B_n} \varphi_{A_n} = -Re \int_{A_n} \varphi_{B_n} = 1.$$

PROPOSITION 1. For any $\phi \in \Gamma_{ase}$ we have

$$(3) \quad (\phi, \varphi_{A_n}) = i \int_{A_n} \phi, \quad (\phi, \varphi_{B_n}) = i \int_{B_n} \phi.$$

PROOF. Take an exhaustion of compact domains $\{R_m\}$ of R such that each component of the boundary ∂R_m consists of a dividing analytic curve. Then for $\phi = du + i^* du$, $\varphi_{A_n} = du_{A_n} + i^* du_{A_n}$ and R_m containing the cycle A_n we have by the period relation

$$D_{R_m}(du_{A_n}, du) = - \int_{A_n} *du + \int_{\partial R_m} u_{A_n} *du .$$

Since u_{A_n} is single-valued outside R_m , moreover canonical, it follows that $\int_{\partial R_m} u_{A_n} *du \rightarrow 0$ for $m \rightarrow \infty$ (cf. Lemma 4 [4]). Hence

$$D_R(du_{A_n}, du) = - \int_{A_n} *du .$$

Analogously we have

$$(4) \quad D_R(du_{A_n}, *du) = -D_R(du, *du_{A_n}) = \int_{A_n} du .$$

By (1') we get therefore the first formula of (3), similarly the second one. Q. E. D.

We recall [4] that for any $\phi \in \Gamma_a$ and harmonic differential dU with finite Dirichlet integral

$$(5) \quad (\phi, \varphi_{C_v}) = -i \int_{C_v} \phi, \quad D_R(dU, *d\omega_{C_v}) = \int_{C_v} dU ,$$

where $\varphi_{C_v} = d\omega_{C_v} + i*d\omega_{C_v}$. (3), (4), (5) imply that our canonical differentials φ_{A_n} , φ_{B_n} and φ_{C_v} are identical, except constant factors, with reproducing analytic differentials in Γ_a resp. Γ_a in the Ahlfors sense [2] and du_{A_n} , du_{B_n} and $d\omega_{C_v}$ are also reproducing (real) harmonic differentials in Γ_h^* resp. Γ_h under the Dirichlet norm.

§ 2. General Periods Theorem

Let $\Gamma_0 \subset \Gamma_a$ be any Hilbert space. Now let $P_\gamma = P_\gamma\{\Gamma_0\}$ be a linear mapping of Γ_0 into a complex vector space E such that

$$P_\gamma : \phi \rightarrow P_\gamma\phi = \left(\int_{\gamma_1} \phi, \int_{\gamma_2} \phi, \dots \right), \quad \gamma = \{\gamma_n\}_{n=1, 2, \dots}$$

We note that the kernel of P_γ is a Hilbert space $\subset \Gamma_0$ while the image of P_γ , say $P_\gamma(\Gamma_0)$, is in general not an l_2 -(Hilbert) space, namely we can easily find such an example among hyperelliptic surfaces.

We say a set of cycles $\gamma = \{\gamma_j\}_{j=1, 2, \dots}$ be *admissible* for Γ_0 if the corresponding reproducing differentials σ_{γ_j} in Γ_0 defined by

$$(\phi, \sigma_{\gamma_j}) = \int_{\gamma_j} \phi \quad \text{for all } \phi \in \Gamma_0$$

are linearly independent (for any finite pair). $\sigma_{\gamma_j} \in \Gamma_0$ exist, because $\int_{\gamma_j} \phi$ is a bounded linear functional on Γ_0 . Let

$$\Gamma'_0 = [\sigma_{\gamma_j}] \subset \Gamma_0$$

be a subspace of Γ_0 spanned by σ_{γ_j} , and $\{\sigma'_{\gamma_j}\}$ be an orthonormal system constructed by the Schmidt method:

$$(6) \quad \sigma'_{\gamma_j} = \sum_{k=1}^j s_{jk} \sigma_{\gamma_k} \quad (j = 1, 2, \dots).$$

We call the triangular matrix $S_\gamma = S_\gamma\{\Gamma_0\} = (s_{jk})$ with $s_{jk} = 0$ ($j < k$) the matrix (mapping) associated with Γ_0 and γ .

PROPOSITION 2. $S_\gamma\{\Gamma_0\} = (s_{mn})$ has the properties:

- (i) $s_{nn} > 0$;
- (ii) s_{mn} are real if $(\sigma_{\gamma_j}, \sigma_{\gamma_k})$ are real for $j, k = 1, 2, \dots$;
- (iii) $\sum_m |s_{mn}|^2 = \|\phi_n\|^2 < \infty$ if there exists a $\phi_n \in \Gamma_0$ such that

$P_\gamma \phi_n = e_n$ (unit vector in E with n -th component one).

(i), (ii) are immediate consequences from the orthogonalization process and (iii) follows easily from the following Theorem 1.

Now S_γ defines a linear mapping of E into itself such that

$$S_\gamma: \alpha \rightarrow S_\gamma(\alpha) = (\bar{s}_{11}\alpha_1, \bar{s}_{21}\alpha_1 + \bar{s}_{22}\alpha_2, \dots),$$

that is, $S_\gamma(\alpha)$ is the product of matrix (\bar{s}_{jk}) (bar stands for complex conjugate) and the transposed vector ${}^t\alpha$ of $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots) \in E$. S_γ is one-to-one by (i).

THEOREM 1. For given Γ_0 and $\gamma = \{\gamma_j\}$ admissible for Γ_0 , (I) $S_\gamma \circ P_\gamma$ is a continuous linear mapping of Γ_0 onto the complex l_2 -space¹⁾ such that

$$\|S_\gamma \circ P_\gamma(\phi)\|_{l_2} \leq \|\phi\|, \quad \phi \in \Gamma_0.$$

(II) $S_\gamma \circ P_\gamma$ is one-to-one on Γ'_0 and $P_\gamma(\Gamma'_0) = P_\gamma(\Gamma_0) = S_\gamma^{-1}(l_2)$.

PROOF. Let $\phi \in \Gamma_0$ and ϕ' be the orthogonal projection of ϕ onto Γ'_0 . Then ϕ' can be written as $\phi' = \sum \beta_n \sigma'_{\gamma_n}$ with the Fourier coefficients β_n , given by

1) This is just a complex vector space of dimension q if γ consists of q ($< \infty$) cycles.

$$\beta_n = (\phi', \sigma'_{\gamma_n}) = (\phi, \sigma'_{\gamma_n}) = \sum_{k=1}^n \bar{s}_{nk}(\phi, \sigma_{\gamma_k}) = \sum_{k=1}^n \bar{s}_{nk} \int_{\gamma_k} \phi.$$

Hence by Parseval's equality we have

$$\sum |\beta_n|^2 = \|S_\gamma \circ P_\gamma(\phi)\|_{l_2}^2 = \|\phi'\|^2 \leq \|\phi\|^2.$$

which shows (I) except "onto" and $P_\gamma(\Gamma'_0) \subset S_\gamma^{-1}(l_2) = \{\alpha; S_\gamma(\alpha) \in l_2\}$. Now let $\beta^* = (\beta_1^*, \beta_2^*, \dots) \in l_2$, then there is an α such that $S_\gamma(\alpha) = \beta^*$;

$$(7) \quad \beta_n^* = \sum_{k=1}^n \bar{s}_{nk} \alpha_k$$

Since $\sum |\beta_n^*|^2 < \infty$,

$$(8) \quad \phi^* \equiv \sum \beta_n^* \sigma'_{\gamma_n} \in \Gamma'_0 \subset \Gamma_0,$$

$$(9) \quad \beta_n^* = (\phi^*, \sigma'_{\gamma_n}) = \sum_{k=1}^n \bar{s}_{nk} \int_{\gamma_k} \phi^*.$$

Therefore by (7), (9) and (i) we have successively

$$\int_{\gamma_k} \phi^* = \alpha_k \quad (k = 1, 2, \dots), \text{ i. e., } \alpha = P_\gamma \phi^*,$$

which implies $S_\gamma^{-1}(l_2) \subset P_\gamma(\Gamma'_0) \subset P_\gamma(\Gamma_0)$, hence they coincide. Since any differential of Γ'_0 orthogonal to every σ_{γ_j} is identically zero, $S_\gamma \circ P_\gamma$ is one-to-one on Γ'_0 .

COROLLARY. *Suppose s_{jk} are all, except finite numbers, real (or pure imaginary) and let $P_\gamma \phi = \alpha + i\beta$, $\phi \in \Gamma_0$ where α, β are real vectors then there exist $\phi_1, \phi_2 \in \Gamma'_0$ such that*

$$P_\gamma \phi_1 = \alpha, \quad P_\gamma \phi_2 = \beta.$$

Here we refer to important special cases. For canonical basis $\{A_n, B_n\}$ and $\{C_\nu\}$ we know by (3), (5) that

$$(10) \quad \begin{array}{ll} \sigma_{A_n} = i\varphi_{A_n}, & \sigma_{B_n} = i\varphi_{B_n} & \text{for } \Gamma_0 = \Gamma_{ase} \\ \sigma_{C_\nu} = -i\varphi_{C_\nu} & & \text{for } \Gamma_0 = \Gamma'_a \end{array}$$

and $(\sigma_{A_j}, \sigma_{A_k}), (\sigma_{B_j}, \sigma_{B_k})$ and $(\sigma_{C_j}, \sigma_{C_k})$ are real, but $(\sigma_{A_j}, \sigma_{B_k})$ are not necessarily real; moreover, $\{C_\nu\}' = \{C_\nu \in \{C_\nu\}; \sigma_{C_\nu} \equiv 0\}$ is admissible for Γ'_a , and $\{A_n\}, \{B_n\}$ are admissible for Γ_{ase} . In fact, let $\{\omega_j\}$ denotes any one of the systems $\{\sigma_{A_j}\}, \{\sigma_{B_j}\}$ and $\{\sigma_{C_j}\}$

($C_j \in \{C_\nu\}'$), then $\{\omega_j\}$ are linearly independent in the real field, hence for finite number of real x_j the quadratic form

$$\sum_{i,j} x_i x_j D_R(\operatorname{Re} \omega_i, \operatorname{Re} \omega_j) = D_R(\sum_j x_j \omega_j) \geq 0$$

is positive definite, i.e.

$$\det (D_R(\operatorname{Re} \omega_i, \operatorname{Re} \omega_j)) > 0$$

Noting that $(\omega_j, \omega_j) = D_R(\operatorname{Re} \omega_j, \operatorname{Re} \omega_j)$ (=real) we find easily that $\{\omega_j\}$ are linearly independent in the complex field.

Virtanen [7] observed first the case $\Gamma_0 = \Gamma_a$, $\gamma = \{A_n\}$ on Riemann surfaces of parabolic type (where $\Gamma_a = \Gamma_{ase} = \Gamma_{AB}$). For general surfaces, I [4] treated the case $\Gamma_0 = \Gamma_C$, $\gamma = \{C_\nu\}'$ and Sainouchi did independently the case $\Gamma_0 = \Gamma_{ase}$, $\gamma = \{A_n\}$ in his recent paper [6]. While in the case where γ contains mixed basis it is generally difficult to decide whether γ is admissible or not. For instance if R is closed or parabolic surface of finite genus g , $\Gamma_a = \Gamma_{AB} = [\sigma_{A_n}, \sigma_{B_n}]_{n=1, \dots, g}$ reduces g -dimensional. If R is a bordered surface with p contours, $\{A_n, B_n, C_\nu\}_{n=1, \dots, g; \nu=1, \dots, p-1}$ is admissible for $\Gamma_0 = \Gamma_{aS} = \Gamma_{AB} \oplus \Gamma_C$ and P_γ gives a one-to-one mapping of $\Gamma_0 = \Gamma_0'$ to $(2g + p - 1)$ -dimensional vector space by (II) (Ahlfors [1]).

§ 3. Normal Differentials

Hereafter we fix the canonical basis $\{A_n, B_n\}$ once for all and define a Hilbert space Γ_A^0 by

$$\Gamma_A^0 = \left\{ \phi \in \Gamma_{ase}, \int_{A_n} \phi = 0, n = 1, 2, \dots \right\},$$

i. e., the kernel of $P_\gamma \{ \Gamma_{ase} \}$, $\gamma = \{A_n\}$. Let Γ_A be the orthogonal complement of Γ_A^0 in Γ_{ase} . Obviously

$$\Gamma_{ae} \subset \Gamma_A^0 \subset \Gamma_{ase}, \quad \Gamma_A \subset \Gamma_{AB}.$$

Every differential of Γ_A is by definition uniquely determined by its A -periods. Moreover among differentials of Γ_{ase} having the same A -periods with $\phi \in \Gamma_{ase}$ the orthogonal projection of ϕ onto Γ_A has the minimum norm.

PROPOSITION 3. $\Gamma_A = [\varphi_{A_n}] = [\sigma_{A_n}] \quad (n = 1, \dots, g),$

This is an immediate consequence of Proposition 1.

Since for general surfaces Γ_A does not necessarily coincide with Γ_{AB} , we must confine ourselves to the space Γ_A to achieve the complex normalization about A -periods. Now we take $\Gamma_0 = \Gamma_{ase}$, $\gamma = \{A_n\}$, then $\Gamma'_0 = \Gamma_A$ by Proposition 3 and $S_\gamma = (s_{mn})$ is real. For $\varphi_{B_n} \in \Gamma_0$ $\int_{A_m} -\varphi_{B_n} = \delta_{mn} + i(\)$ hence by Corollary of Theorem 1 we have the following theorem [8].

THEOREM 2. *There exist normal differentials $\omega_{A_n} \in \Gamma_A$ such that*

$$\int_{A_m} \omega_{A_n} = \delta_{mn} \quad (m, n = 1, \dots, g).$$

The ω_{A_n} can be written by (8) as

$$(11) \quad \omega_{A_n} = \sum_m s_{mn} \sigma'_{A_m} = \sum_m s_{mn} \left(\sum_{l=1}^m s_{ml} \sigma_{A_l} \right),$$

where (s_{mn}) is a real matrix associated with Γ_{ase} and $\{A_n\}$ for which

$$(12) \quad \sum_m |s_{mn}|^2 = \|\omega_{A_n}\|^2 < \infty.$$

For the following purposes we note that

$$(13) \quad s_{mn} = -\text{Re } b_{mn}, \quad \text{where } b_{mn} = -i \int_{B_n} \overline{\sigma'_{A_m}}.$$

To see this, let $\varphi_{B_n}^0$ be the orthogonal projection φ_{B_n} to Γ_A , then it can be written as

$$(14) \quad \varphi_{B_n}^0 = \sum b_{mn} \sigma'_{A_m},$$

where $b_{mn} = (\varphi_{B_n}^0, \sigma'_{A_m}) = (\varphi_{B_n}, \sigma'_{A_m}) = -i \int_{B_n} \overline{\sigma'_{A_m}} = -i \int_{B_n} \sum_{k=1}^m s_{mk} \overline{\sigma_{A_k}}$,

hence (13) holds. Now set

$$\int_{B_j} \omega_{A_k} = \sigma_{jk} + i\tau_{jk}, \quad (j, k = 1, \dots, g),$$

$$\sigma = (\sigma_{jk}), \quad \tau = (\tau_{jk}).$$

We say an (infinite) quadratic form $\sum \xi_i \bar{\xi}_j a_{ij}$ is *convergent* if for given $\varepsilon > 0$ there exists an integer N such that $|\sum_{i,j=n}^m \xi_i \bar{\xi}_j a_{ij}| < \varepsilon$

for $m > n > N$. Now our Riemann matrix has the following properties.

THEOREM 3. 1°) τ is symmetric and positive definite; more precisely, for any finite or infinite numbers of complex numbers ξ_1, ξ_2, \dots not simultaneously zero

$$\sum \xi_i \bar{\xi}_j \tau_{ij} > 0$$

provided that the quadratic form is convergent.

2°) $\tau = {}^t S_\gamma \cdot S_\gamma$ (multiplication in the obvious sense) where S_γ is a triangular real matrix associated with Γ_{ase} and $\{A_n\}$.

3°) if $\Gamma_A^0 = \Gamma_{ae}$, equivalently $\Gamma_A = \Gamma_{AB}$, then σ is symmetric.

PROOF. From (10), (11)

$$(15) \quad \begin{aligned} \tau_{jk} &= \sum_m s_{mk} \int_{B_j} \text{Im } \sigma'_{Am} = \sum_m s_{mk} \sum_{l=1}^m s_{ml} \int_{B_j} \text{Re } \varphi_{A_l} \\ &= \sum_m s_{mk} s_{mj}. \end{aligned}$$

The series on the right-hand side is absolutely convergent by (12) and Schwarz' inequality. This formula shows 2°) and the symmetry of τ . On the other hand

$$(\omega_{A_j}, \omega_{A_k}) = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \left(\sum_{m=1}^N s_{mj} \sigma'_{Am}, \sum_{n=1}^N s_{nk} \sigma'_{An} \right) = \sum_m s_{mj} s_{mk}.$$

Hence we have

$$(\omega_{A_j}, \omega_{A_k}) = \tau_{jk},$$

consequently for any finite pair $(\xi_1, \dots, \xi_n) \neq (0, \dots, 0)$

$$\|\xi_1 \omega_{A_{v_1}} + \dots + \xi_n \omega_{A_{v_n}}\|^2 = \sum_{i,j=1}^n \xi_i \bar{\xi}_j \tau_{v_i v_j} > 0.$$

Now let $\Omega_n = \sum_{i=1}^n \xi_i \omega_{A_i}$ ($n=1, 2, \dots$) and quadratic form $\sum \xi_i \bar{\xi}_j \tau_{ij}$ be convergent, then for given $\varepsilon > 0$

$$\|\Omega_m - \Omega_n\|^2 = \sum_{i,j=n+1}^m \xi_i \bar{\xi}_j \tau_{ij} < \varepsilon \quad (m > n > N).$$

Therefore there is an $\Omega \in \Gamma_A$ such that $\|\Omega_n - \Omega\| \rightarrow 0$ ($n \rightarrow \infty$) and

$$\|\Omega\|^2 = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|\Omega_n\|^2 = \sum \xi_i \bar{\xi}_j \tau_{ij} \geq 0.$$

If the last quadratic form vanishes, $\Omega=0$ and since Ω_n converge to Ω uniformly on every compact set on R , we have

$$0 = \int_{A_j} \Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{A_j} \Omega_n = \xi_j \quad (j = 1, 2, \dots).$$

Next we prove 3°. By (13), (15)

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_{jk} &= - \sum_m (Re b_{mk}) \int_{B_j} Re \sigma'_{Am} = - \sum_m (Re b_{mk})(Im b_{mj}) \\ &= - \sum_m [b_{mk} b_{mj} - \bar{b}_{mk} \bar{b}_{mj} - 2i Im (b_{mj} \bar{b}_{mk})] / 4i. \end{aligned}$$

Hence the symmetry of σ is equivalent to the condition

$$\sum_m Im (b_{mj} \bar{b}_{mk}) = 0.$$

On the other hand we have by (14)

$$(\varphi_{B_j}^0, \varphi_{B_k}^0) = \sum b_{mj} \bar{b}_{mk}.$$

Therefore if $\Gamma_A = \Gamma_{AB}$, then $\varphi_{B_j} = \varphi_{B_j}^0$, $\varphi_{B_k} = \varphi_{B_k}^0$ and we know $(\varphi_{B_j}^0, \varphi_{B_k}^0) = (\varphi_{B_j}, \varphi_{B_k})$ are real. Q. E. D.

REMARK. In case of $\Gamma_A = \Gamma_{AB}$, σ_{jk} are given by

$$\sigma_{jk} = - \frac{1}{2} Im \sum_m b_{mj} b_{mk} = \frac{1}{2} D(du_{B_j}, *d\bar{u}_{B_k}).$$

where $\sum_n \bar{b}_{mk} \sigma'_{Am} = d\bar{u}_{B_k} + i^* d\bar{u}_{B_k}.$

For the sake of convenience we reformulate a result contained in the above proof as follows.

PROPOSITION 4. Let $\{\alpha_n\}$ be given complex numbers for which $\sum \alpha_i \bar{\alpha}_j \tau_{ij}$ is convergent, then there exists in Γ_A a unique differential Ω with A -periods $\{\alpha_n\}$, which is expressed as

$$(16) \quad \Omega = \sum \alpha_n \omega_{A_n}, \quad \|\Omega\|^2 = \sum \alpha_i \bar{\alpha}_j \tau_{ij} < \infty,$$

and the convergence is uniform on every compact set on R .

It is desirable that every differential $\phi \in \Gamma_A$ can be written as (16). Of course it is true in case of finite genus. As for general

case we know $\sum_n |\sum_{k=1}^n s_{nk} \alpha_k|^2 < \infty$ for $\alpha = P_\gamma(\phi)$ while by (15) $\sum \alpha_i \bar{\alpha}_j \tau_{ij}$ means the interchange of above summation. I have no answer about this problem. Here we shall give only some criteria about the convergence of hermitian form $J = \sum \alpha_i \bar{\alpha}_j \tau_{ij}$.

a) Since $\tau_{ij}^2 < \tau_{ii} \tau_{jj}$, J is convergent if

$$\sum |\alpha_i| \sqrt{\tau_{ii}} = \sum |\alpha_i| \|\omega_{A_i}\| < \infty$$

(cf. [5], [6], [7]).

b) As τ_{ij} (or s_{ij}) are complicatedly dependent on the structure of R , the following criterion by geometric quantities seems to be useful.

PROPOSITION 5. *Let $\lambda(\gamma)$ denote the extremal length of curve family homologous to a cycle γ . Then J is convergent if*

$$(17) \quad \sum_i |\alpha_i| \sqrt{\lambda(B_i)} < \infty.$$

PROOF. We note [3] that for $\omega \in \Gamma_a$

$$(18) \quad \left| \int_\gamma \omega \right|^2 \leq \lambda(\gamma) \|\omega\|^2.$$

On account of symmetry of τ_{ij} it suffices to treat the case of real α_i . Applying (18) for $\omega = \Omega_n^m = \sum_{i=n}^m \alpha_i \omega_{A_i}$, $\gamma = B_j$ we have

$$\left| \sum_{i=n}^m \alpha_i \tau_{ji} \right|^2 \leq \left| \int_{B_j} \Omega_n^m \right|^2 \leq \lambda(B_j) \|\Omega_n^m\|^2.$$

Multiplying by $|\alpha_j|$ and summing from $j=n$ to m , then

$$\left| \sum_{i,j=n}^m \alpha_i \alpha_j \tau_{ij} \right| \leq \sum_j |\alpha_j| \left| \sum_i \alpha_i \tau_{ji} \right| \leq \|\Omega_n^m\| \sum_{j=n}^m |\alpha_j| \sqrt{\lambda(B_j)}.$$

Since $\|\Omega_n^m\| = \left(\sum_{i,j=n}^m \alpha_i \alpha_j \tau_{ij} \right)^{1/2}$ we have our conclusion.

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