

## *Some General Properties of Behavior Spaces of Harmonic Semiexact Differentials on an Open Riemann Surface*

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### **Introduction**

Beside the original definition due to Kusunoki [3], there are several different ways to define semiexact canonical differentials (see Kusunoki [4, 5], Mori [9]; cf. also Ahlfors-Sario [2], Mizumoto [8] and Yoshida [13]). Above all, the following characterization of semiexact canonical differentials also by Kusunoki ([4]) is remarkable: Let  $R$  be an open Riemann surface and  $\varphi$  a meromorphic semiexact differential on  $R$ . Then  $\varphi$  is a semiexact canonical differential if and only if there is a canonical region  $R'$  on  $R$  such that (i) the real part  $du$  of  $\varphi$  is exact and square integrable on  $R - R'$ , and (ii) for any square integrable real harmonic semiexact differential  $\omega$  on  $R - R'$  the mixed Dirichlet integral  $(du, \omega^*)_{R-R'}$  of  $du$  and  $\omega^*$  over  $R - R'$  is equal to the contour integral  $\int_{\partial R'} u\omega$ .

A similar characterization is obtained for harmonic differentials with  $\Gamma_x$ -behavior in the sense of Yoshida ([13], in particular, pp. 186–187). Since, as is well known (cf. [5], [9]), semiexact canonical differentials correspond to one of the special extreme cases, the case  $\Gamma_x = \Gamma_{hm}$  (the space of real harmonic measures on  $R$ ), the results in [13] is certainly a generalization of Kusunoki's characterization. On the other hand, we considered in [11] spaces of (complex) harmonic semiexact differentials with certain simple properties and called them behavior spaces. We also showed that we can use such a behavior space  $\mathcal{A}_0$  to describe a more general boundary behavior,  $\mathcal{A}_0$ -behavior, of analytic (meromorphic) differentials.

The aim of the present article is to show some properties of behavior spaces. It is easy to see that we can apply the very same definition of  $\mathcal{A}_0$ -behavior not only to analytic differentials but also to  $C^1$ -differentials (defined near the ideal boundary of  $R$ ). See Definition 3. We shall generalize some of Kusunoki's characterizations of semiexact canonical differentials to the case of  $C^1$ -differentials with  $\mathcal{A}_0$ -behavior. Then we shall introduce an equivalence relation among behavior spaces on  $R$ . We can easily see that  $\mathcal{A}_0$ - and  $\tilde{\mathcal{A}}_0$ -behaviors are the same if and only if  $\mathcal{A}_0$  is equivalent to  $\tilde{\mathcal{A}}_0$ . In other words,  $\mathcal{A}_0$ -behavior is determined by the equivalence class of  $\mathcal{A}_0$ . As an immediate consequence of this, we know that

generalized singularities introduced in [12] are also divided into equivalence classes.

We shall also consider transformations of behavior spaces and show that every transformation changes a behavior space into another behavior space. Furthermore, we prove that two behavior spaces are equivalent if and only if any one is the image of the other under some transformation.

Such consideration actually offers some advantages to us. For instance, we can choose the most suitable behavior space(s) among the equivalence class(es) in accordance with the nature of individual problem which we are concerned with.

1. Let  $R$  be an open Riemann surface of genus  $g$  ( $\leq \infty$ ),  $J$  the set  $\{1, 2, \dots, g\}$ . Take a fixed canonical exhaustion  $\mathcal{R} = \{R_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  of  $R$ . We denote by  $g_n$  the genus of  $R_n$  and set  $J_n = \{1, 2, \dots, g_n\}$ . Let  $\Xi(R) = \{A_j, B_j\}_{j \in J}$  be a canonical homology basis of  $R$  modulo dividing cycles such that (i)  $\{A_j, B_j\}_{j \in J_n}$  is a canonical homology basis of  $R_n$  modulo its border, and (ii)  $A_j, B_j \subset R - \bar{R}_n$  for every  $j \in J - J_n$  (cf. [2], p. 72). For convenience' sake we set  $R_0 = \phi$  and  $J_0 = \phi$ .

For a Lebesgue measurable complex differential  $\lambda$  on  $R$  we denote by  $\bar{\lambda}$  the complex conjugate of  $\lambda$  and by  $\lambda^*$  the conjugate differential of  $\lambda$ . Let  $A = A(R)$  be the real Hilbert space of square integrable complex differentials on  $R$  with the inner product  $\langle \lambda_1, \lambda_2 \rangle = \text{Re} \iint_R \lambda_1 \wedge \bar{\lambda}_2^*$ ,  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 \in A$ . The norm of  $\lambda \in A$  is given by  $\|\lambda\| = \sqrt{\langle \lambda, \lambda \rangle}$ . We set  $A_h = A_h(R) = \{\lambda \in A \mid \lambda \text{ is harmonic on } R\}$  and  $A_{hse} = A_{hse}(R) = \{\lambda \in A_h \mid \lambda \text{ is semiexact}\}$ . We also set  $A_{e0}^1 = A_{e0}^1(R) = \{\lambda \in A \mid \exists f \in C^2(R), \exists f_n \in C_0^2(R) \text{ such that } df = \lambda \text{ and } \|df - df_n\| \rightarrow 0, n \rightarrow \infty\}$ . Finally let  $A_c^1 = A_c^1(R)$  be the totality of closed  $C^1$ -differentials on  $R$  and set  $A_{c0}^1 = A_{c0}^1(R) = \{\lambda \in A_c^1 \mid \lambda = 0 \text{ outside a compact set on } R\}$ .

Let  $L$  be a straight line in the complex plane  $\mathbf{C}$  which passes through the coordinate origin. For brevity, we shall refer to such an  $L$  as a line in  $\mathbf{C}$ . We denote by  $\bar{L}$  the complex conjugate of  $L$ :  $\bar{L} = \{z \in \mathbf{C} \mid \bar{z} \in L\}$ . For  $z_1, z_2 \in \mathbf{C}$  we write  $z_1 \equiv z_2 \pmod{L}$  to express that  $z_1 - z_2$  belongs to  $L$ .

DEFINITION 1 ([7], [11]). A (closed) subspace  $A_0 = A_0(R, \mathcal{L})$  of  $A_{hse}$  is called a behavior space associated with  $\mathcal{L} = \{L_j\}_{j \in J}$ , a family of lines in  $\mathbf{C}$ , if

$$(i) \quad iA_0^* = A_0^\perp \text{ [i. e., } A_h = A_0 \oplus iA_0^*],$$

$$(ii) \quad \int_{A_j} \lambda_0 \equiv \int_{B_j} \lambda_0 \equiv 0 \pmod{L_j}, \quad j \in J, \text{ for every } \lambda_0 \in A_0,$$

where  $A_0^\perp$  denotes the orthogonal complement of  $A_0$  in  $A_h$ .

We denote by  $\mathcal{B}$  the set of all behavior spaces on  $R$ .

DEFINITION 2 ([11]). Let  $L$  be a line in  $\mathbf{C}$ . Two behavior spaces  $A_0$  and

$\Lambda'_0$  associated with  $\mathcal{L} = \{L_j\}_{j \in J}$  and  $\mathcal{L}' = \{L'_j\}_{j \in J}$  respectively are called dual to each other with respect to  $L$  (or  $L$ -dual) if

- 1°)  $\langle \lambda_0, \bar{\lambda}'_0 \rangle + i \langle \lambda_0, i\bar{\lambda}'_0 \rangle \equiv 0 \pmod L$  for any pair  $(\lambda_0, \lambda'_0) \in \Lambda_0 \times \Lambda'_0$ ,
- 2°)  $L_j \circ L'_j = \{z \in \mathbf{C} \mid z = z_j z'_j, z_j \in L_j, z'_j \in L'_j\} = L$  for every  $j \in J$

are satisfied.

For the sake of simplicity, we shall henceforth consider mainly the case  $L = \mathbf{R}$ , the real axis. Then it is obvious that a behavior space  $\Lambda_0$  and its complex conjugate  $\bar{\Lambda}_0 = \{\lambda \in \Lambda_h \mid \bar{\lambda} \in \Lambda_0\}$  are mutually  $\mathbf{R}$ -dual (cf. [7], [11]). Conversely we have

**PROPOSITION 1.** *Let  $\Lambda_0$  and  $\Lambda'_0$  be two behavior spaces which are  $\mathbf{R}$ -dual to one another. Then  $\Lambda'_0 = \bar{\Lambda}_0$ .*

**PROOF.** Since  $L = \mathbf{R}$ , condition 1°) in Definition 2 means  $\langle \lambda_0, i\bar{\lambda}'_0 \rangle = 0$  for any pair  $(\lambda_0, \lambda'_0) \in \Lambda_0 \times \Lambda'_0$ . Therefore  $\Lambda_0 \subset i\bar{\Lambda}'_0{}^\perp = \bar{\Lambda}'_0$ . Similarly we have  $\Lambda'_0 \subset \bar{\Lambda}_0$ . Hence  $\Lambda'_0 = \bar{\Lambda}_0$ , which is to be proved.

**COROLLARY.** *For any behavior space  $\Lambda_0$  there exists a unique behavior space  $\Lambda'_0 (= \bar{\Lambda}_0)$  which is dual to  $\Lambda_0$  with respect to  $\mathbf{R}$ .*

More generally we have

**PROPOSITION 1'.** *Let  $L_\theta = \{z \in \mathbf{C} \mid z = te^{i\theta}, t \in \mathbf{R}\}$  be a line in  $\mathbf{C}$ ,  $\theta \in [0, \pi)$ . Then two behavior spaces  $\Lambda_0$  and  $\Lambda'_0$  are  $L_\theta$ -dual to each other if and only if  $\Lambda'_0 = e^{i\theta} \bar{\Lambda}_0$ .*

The following proposition will be proved in sec. 4.

**PROPOSITION 2.** *In Definition 2 condition 1°) implies condition 2°).*

**2.** Fix an  $R_n \in \mathcal{R}$ ,  $n \geq 1$  and set  $V = R - \bar{R}_n$  where  $\bar{R}_n$  is the closure of  $R_n$ . We denote by  $V_k$  ( $k = 1, 2, \dots, \kappa_n$ ) the components of  $V$ . Let  $\varphi, \psi$  be semiexact  $C^1$ -differentials on  $\bar{V}$ . Then, because of semiexactness of  $\varphi$ , there is a single-valued  $C^2$ -function  $\Phi$  on  $\bar{V} - \cup_{j \in J - J_n} (A_j \cup B_j)$  such that  $d\Phi = \varphi$  on  $\bar{V}$ . The function  $\Phi$  consists of  $\kappa_n$  functions  $\Phi_k$  which are separately defined on  $\bar{V}_k - \cup_{j \in J - J_n} (A_j \cup B_j) \cap \bar{V}_k$ ,  $k = 1, 2, \dots, \kappa_n$ . Furthermore, each  $\Phi_k$  is determined only up to an additive constant. Nevertheless the quantity

$$\int_{\partial R_m} \Phi \psi = \sum_{k=1}^{\kappa_n} \int_{\partial R_m} \Phi_k \psi \quad (m \geq n)$$

is well defined, since  $\psi$  is also semiexact. We shall call such  $\Phi$  a primitive function of  $\varphi$  on  $\bar{V}$ .

For later use we shall state the following lemma without proof (cf. [1], [11]).

LEMMA. Let  $\varphi, \psi$  be semiexact  $C^1$ -differentials on  $\bar{V} = R - R_n$  ( $n \geq 0$ ). Then for every  $m > n$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \langle \varphi, i\psi^* \rangle_{R_m - R_n} \\ &= -\operatorname{Im} \int_{\partial R_m} \Phi \bar{\psi} + \operatorname{Im} \int_{\partial R_n} \Phi \bar{\psi} + \operatorname{Im} \sum_{j \in J_m - J_n} \left( \int_{A_j} \varphi \int_{B_j} \bar{\psi} - \int_{B_j} \varphi \int_{A_j} \bar{\psi} \right), \end{aligned}$$

$\Phi$  being a primitive function of  $\varphi$  on  $\bar{V}$ .

3. Let  $\Lambda_0 = \Lambda_0(R, \mathcal{L})$  be a behavior space on  $R$  associated with  $\mathcal{L} = \{L_j\}_{j \in J}$ . We shall first prove the following

THEOREM 1.\*<sup>1</sup>) Let  $R_n \in \mathcal{R}$  and  $V = R - \bar{R}_n$ . Let  $\varphi$  be a semiexact  $C^1$ -differential on  $\bar{V}$  such that  $\|\varphi\|_V < \infty$  and  $\int_{A_j} \varphi \equiv \int_{B_j} \varphi \equiv 0 \pmod{L_j}$  for all  $j \in J - J_n$ . Let  $\Phi$  be a primitive function of  $\varphi$  on  $\bar{V}$ . Then the following three conditions are equivalent to one another.

- (I) There exist  $\lambda_0 \in \Lambda_0$ ,  $\lambda_{e0} \in \Lambda_{e0}^{(1)}$  such that  $\varphi = \lambda_0 + \lambda_{e0}$  on  $V$ .
- (II)  $\langle \varphi, i\omega^* \rangle_V = -\operatorname{Im} \int_{\partial V} \Phi \bar{\omega}$  for any  $\omega \in \Lambda_0$ .
- (III)  $\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \operatorname{Im} \int_{\partial R_m} \Phi \bar{\omega} = 0$  for every  $\omega \in \Lambda_0$ .

PROOF. Before carrying out the proof, we recall that  $\Lambda_0 \subset \Lambda_{hse}$ .

First we shall show that (II)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (III). Let  $m > n$ . Then by Lemma we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \langle \varphi, i\omega^* \rangle_{V \cap R_m} \\ &= -\operatorname{Im} \int_{\partial V} \Phi \bar{\omega} - \operatorname{Im} \int_{\partial R_m} \Phi \bar{\omega} + \operatorname{Im} \sum_{j \in J_m - J_n} \left( \int_{A_j} \varphi \int_{B_j} \bar{\omega} - \int_{B_j} \varphi \int_{A_j} \bar{\omega} \right). \end{aligned}$$

The last term on the right vanishes, since

$$\int_{B_j} \varphi \equiv 0, \quad \int_{A_j} \omega \equiv 0 \pmod{L_j}, \quad j \in J - J_n.$$

By letting  $m$  tend to infinity, we obtain the equivalence (II)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (III).

Next we shall prove that (I) implies (III). Suppose that  $\varphi = \lambda_0 + \lambda_{e0}$  on  $V$ ,  $\lambda_0 \in \Lambda_0$ ,  $\lambda_{e0} \in \Lambda_{e0}^{(1)}$ . Set  $\psi = \lambda_0 + \lambda_{e0}$  on  $R$ . Clearly  $\psi$  is semiexact. Let  $\Psi$  be a primitive function of  $\psi$  on  $\bar{V}$ . For any  $m$  ( $> n$ ) and  $\omega \in \Lambda_0$  we have

$$\operatorname{Im} \int_{\partial R_m} \Phi \bar{\omega} = \operatorname{Im} \int_{\partial R_m} \Psi \bar{\omega}$$

\*<sup>1</sup>) cf. Theorem 4 in sec. 9.

$$= - \langle \psi, i\omega^* \rangle_{R_m} + \text{Im} \sum_{j \in J_m} \left( \int_{A_j} \psi \int_{B_j} \bar{\omega} - \int_{B_j} \psi \int_{A_j} \bar{\omega} \right).$$

Since  $\psi \in \Lambda_0 + \Lambda_{e_0}^{(1)}$  and  $i\omega^* \in i\Lambda_0^* = \Lambda_0^\perp$ , the term  $\langle \psi, i\omega^* \rangle_{R_m}$  tends to zero as  $m \rightarrow \infty$ . The period sum vanishes for every  $m$ , because  $\int_{A_j} \psi = \int_{B_j} \lambda_0 \equiv 0$ ,  $\int_{B_j} \omega \equiv 0 \pmod{L_j}$ ,  $j \in J$ . Thus we have proved (I) $\Rightarrow$ (III).

Finally we assume (III). Since  $\int_{\partial V} \varphi = 0$ , we can extend  $\varphi|_V$  to a closed  $C^1$ -differential on the whole of  $R$  (cf. e. g., [10], [13]), which is denoted by  $\hat{\varphi}$ . Because of the semiexactness of  $\varphi$ ,  $\hat{\varphi} = d\hat{\Phi}$  can be assumed to be exact on  $R - \bar{V} = R_n$  (see Remark below). Take an arbitrary  $\omega \in \Lambda_0$ . Then, since the  $A_j$ - and  $B_j$ -periods of  $\varphi$  and  $\omega$  vanish mod  $L_j$ ,  $j \in J - J_n$ , Lemma yields

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \hat{\varphi}, i\omega^* \rangle_{R_m} &= \langle \hat{\varphi}, i\omega^* \rangle_{R_n} + \langle \varphi, i\omega^* \rangle_{R_m - R_n} \\ &= - \text{Im} \int_{\partial R_n} \hat{\Phi} \bar{\omega} - \text{Im} \int_{\partial(R_m - R_n)} \Phi \bar{\omega} + \text{Im} \sum_{j \in J_m - J_n} \left( \int_{A_j} \varphi \int_{B_j} \bar{\omega} - \int_{B_j} \varphi \int_{A_j} \bar{\omega} \right) \\ &= - \text{Im} \int_{\partial R_m} \Phi \bar{\omega}. \end{aligned}$$

On letting  $m \rightarrow \infty$ , we know that  $\hat{\varphi}$  is orthogonal to  $i\Lambda_0^* = \Lambda_0^\perp$ . (Note that  $\hat{\varphi}$  belongs to  $\Lambda$ .) Now the Dirichlet principle (cf. Lemma 5 in [11]; cf. also [2]) implies the existence of differentials  $\lambda_0 \in \Lambda_0$ ,  $\lambda_{e_0} \in \Lambda_{e_0}^{(1)}$  such that  $\hat{\varphi} = \lambda_0 + \lambda_{e_0}$  holds on  $R$ . This completes the proof of (III) $\Rightarrow$ (I). q. e. d.

REMARK. We could dispense with the exactness of  $\hat{\varphi}$  on  $R_n$ . Indeed, if  $\hat{\varphi}$  is not exact on  $R_n$ , we take a regular analytic differential  $\varphi_0$  with  $\Lambda_0$ -behavior (see [11], Theorem 2) such that  $\int_{A_j} (\hat{\varphi} - \varphi_0) \equiv 0 \pmod{L_j}$ ,  $j \in J$ . Applying a reasoning similar to that in the above proof for  $\hat{\varphi} - \varphi_0$  instead of  $\hat{\varphi}$ , we know that  $\varphi - \varphi_0$ , and hence  $\varphi$  itself, has the property stated in (I).

4. In [11] we defined  $\Lambda_0$ -behavior for only analytic (meromorphic) differentials [defined near the ideal boundary of  $R$ ]. Similarly,  $\Gamma_\chi$ -behavior in Yoshida's sense ([13]) was defined for harmonic functions only. However, it is easy to see that the same definition can be applied to any  $C^1$ -differential (cf. [6]). Namely, we have

DEFINITION 3. A  $C^1$ -differential  $\varphi$  defined near the ideal boundary of  $R$  is said to have  $\Lambda_0$ -behavior if there exist  $\lambda_0 \in \Lambda_0$ ,  $\lambda_{e_0} \in \Lambda_{e_0}^{(1)}$  and  $R_n \in \mathcal{R}$  such that  $\varphi = \lambda_0 + \lambda_{e_0}$  on  $R - \bar{R}_n$ .

A characterization of  $C^1$ -differentials with  $\Lambda_0$ -behavior is given by Theorem 1, which is considered a generalization of Kusunoki's results ([4]). See also [13]. Particularly we have

PROPOSITION 3 (cf. [13], p. 187). Let  $\varphi$  be a semiexact  $C^1$ -differential on  $\bar{V} = R - R_n$ ,  $R_n \in \mathcal{R}$ , such that  $\int_{A_j} \varphi \equiv \int_{B_j} \varphi \equiv 0 \pmod{L_j}$ ,  $j \in J - J_n$ . Suppose that  $\varphi$  has  $\Lambda_0$ -behavior. Then  $\varphi$  admits a representation  $\varphi = \lambda_0 + \lambda_{e_0}$ ,  $\lambda_0 \in \Lambda_0$ ,  $\lambda_{e_0} \in \Lambda_{e_0}^{(1)}$  on the whole of  $V$ .

Now the following proposition was proved in [11].

PROPOSITION 4. Let  $\varphi$  be a regular analytic differential on  $R$  which has  $\Lambda_0$ -behavior. If there is a family of lines in  $\mathbf{C}$ ,  $\hat{\mathcal{L}} = \{\hat{L}_j\}_{j \in J}$ , such that  $\int_{A_j} \varphi \equiv \int_{B_j} \varphi \equiv 0 \pmod{\hat{L}_j}$  for every  $j \in J$ , then  $\varphi$  should be identically zero [ $\hat{L}_j = L_j$  for all but a finite number of  $j \in J$ ].

It should be noted, however, that a similar theorem does not hold for harmonic differentials (and a fortiori  $C^1$ -differentials) with  $\Lambda_0$ -behavior. In fact, we have the following well known

PROPOSITION 5. There exist harmonic semiexact differentials  $\omega_{A_j}, \omega_{B_j}$  on  $R$  such that

- (i) for some  $dv', dv'' \in \Lambda_{e_0}^1$  and  $\lambda'_{e_0}, \lambda''_{e_0} \in \Lambda_{e_0}^{(1)}$   $\omega_{A_j} = dv' + \lambda'_{e_0}$ ,  $\omega_{B_j} = dv'' + \lambda''_{e_0}$  on  $R$  (in particular,  $\omega_{A_j}$  and  $\omega_{B_j}$  have  $\Lambda_0$ -behavior),
- (ii)  $\int_{A_k} \omega_{A_j} = \int_{B_k} \omega_{B_j} = \delta_{jk}$ ,  $\int_{B_k} \omega_{A_j} = \int_{A_k} \omega_{B_j} = 0$ ,  $j, k \in J$ .

PROOF. Omitted (cf., e. g., [2], [5]).

PROPOSITION 6. Let  $\Lambda_0$  be a behavior space associated with  $\mathcal{L} = \{L_j\}_{j \in J}$  and  $z_j$  be (non-zero) complex numbers such that  $z_j \equiv 0 \pmod{L_j}$ ,  $j \in J$ . Then  $z_j \omega_{A_j}, z_j \omega_{B_j} \in \Lambda_0$ .

PROOF. Take a sufficiently large integer  $n (> 0)$  and a primitive function  $\Omega_{A_j}$  of  $\omega_{A_j}$  on  $R - R_n$ . Since  $z_j \omega_{A_j}$  has  $\Lambda_0$ -behavior, we have by Theorem 1

$$\langle z_j \omega_{A_j}, i\lambda_0^* \rangle_{R - R_n} = \text{Im} \left[ z_j \int_{\partial R_n} \Omega_{A_j} \lambda_0 \right]$$

for any  $\lambda_0 \in \Lambda_0$ . On the other hand, Lemma yields

$$\langle z_j \omega_{A_j}, i\lambda_0^* \rangle_{R_n} = \text{Im} \left[ z_j \int_{B_j} \lambda_0 \right] - \text{Im} \left[ z_j \int_{\partial R_n} \Omega_{A_j} \lambda_0 \right].$$

It follows that  $\langle z_j \omega_{A_j}, i\lambda_0^* \rangle = 0$  for any  $\lambda_0 \in \Lambda_0$ . Therefore  $z_j \omega_{A_j} \in i\Lambda_0^{*1} = \Lambda_0$ . Similarly we have  $z_j \omega_{B_j} \in \Lambda_0$ . q. e. d.

PROOF OF PROPOSITION 2. Let  $L = L_\theta$ . Let  $\Lambda_0 = \Lambda_0(R, \mathcal{L})$  and  $\Lambda'_0 =$

$\Lambda_0(R, \mathcal{L}')$  be behavior spaces associated with  $\mathcal{L} = \{L_j\}_{j \in J}$  and  $\mathcal{L}' = \{L'_j\}_{j \in J}$  respectively, and assume that they satisfy condition 1°). Then by Proposition 1'  $\Lambda'_0 = e^{i\theta} \bar{\Lambda}_0$ . If  $z_j$  is a non-zero complex number such that  $z_j \equiv 0 \pmod{L_j}$ , then  $z_j \omega_{A_j}$  is an element of  $\Lambda_0$  by Proposition 6. Hence  $e^{i\theta} \bar{z}_j \bar{\omega}_{A_j} \in \Lambda'_0$  so that  $0 \neq \int_{A_j} e^{i\theta} \bar{z}_j \bar{\omega}_{A_j} = e^{i\theta} \bar{z}_j \equiv 0 \pmod{L'_j}$ . Therefore  $L'_j = e^{i\theta} L_j, j \in J$ . This implies 2°).  
 q. e. d.

Theorem 1 also suggests that  $\Lambda_0$ -behavior actually defines boundary behavior of differentials. Namely, if  $\Lambda_0$  and  $\tilde{\Lambda}_0$  are two behavior spaces which coincide (yet in an ambiguous sense) near the ideal boundary, then  $\Lambda_0$ - and  $\tilde{\Lambda}_0$ -behaviors will be the same; a differential with  $\Lambda_0$ -behavior will have  $\tilde{\Lambda}_0$ -behavior and vice versa. Later we shall see that this is really true.

5. For our purposes, it will be convenient to introduce the following

DEFINITION 4. Two behavior spaces  $\Lambda_0$  and  $\tilde{\Lambda}_0$  are said to be equivalent ( $\Lambda_0 \sim \tilde{\Lambda}_0$ ) if and only if conditions (i), (ii) below are fulfilled:

- (i) every  $\lambda_0 \in \Lambda_0$  has  $\tilde{\Lambda}_0$ -behavior,
- (ii) every  $\tilde{\lambda}_0 \in \tilde{\Lambda}_0$  has  $\Lambda_0$ -behavior.

The relation  $\sim$  obviously defines an equivalence relation in  $\mathcal{B}$ . Also, it is an immediate consequence of the definition that two behavior spaces define the same boundary behavior if and only if they are equivalent to each other. In other words, there is a one-to-one correspondence between  $\mathcal{B}/\sim$  and the family  $\mathcal{B}_0$  of boundary behaviors which are defined by means of behavior spaces.

Now let  $\Lambda_0 = \Lambda_0(R, \mathcal{L}) \in \mathcal{B}, \mathcal{L} = \{L_j\}_{j \in J}$ . Let  $J^*$  be a finite subset of  $J$  and  $\mathcal{L}^* = \{L^*_j\}_{j \in J^*}$  a family of lines in  $\mathbb{C}$ . We set

$$\tilde{L}_j = \begin{cases} L_j, & j \in J - J^*, \\ L^*_j, & j \in J^* \end{cases}$$

and  $\tilde{\mathcal{L}} = \{\tilde{L}_j\}_{j \in J}$ . We then define

$$T^{\mathcal{L}^*}_{\tilde{\mathcal{L}}} \Lambda_0 = \left\{ \lambda \in \Lambda_h \left| \begin{array}{l} \lambda \text{ has } \Lambda_0\text{-behavior and} \\ \int_{A_j} \lambda \equiv \int_{B_j} \lambda \equiv 0 \pmod{\tilde{L}_j}, j \in J \end{array} \right. \right\}.$$

Later we shall prove that every element of  $T^{\mathcal{L}^*}_{\tilde{\mathcal{L}}} \Lambda_0$  can be obtained from some element of  $\Lambda_0$  by subtracting a suitable finite linear combination of  $\omega_{A_j}$  and  $\omega_{B_j}$  (Proposition 5) with complex coefficients. See Corollary 2 to Theorem 3. We shall call such a  $T^{\mathcal{L}^*}_{\tilde{\mathcal{L}}} \Lambda_0$  a transformation determined by  $J^*$  and  $\mathcal{L}^*$ . In fact, we shall soon prove that  $T^{\mathcal{L}^*}_{\tilde{\mathcal{L}}} \Lambda_0$  belongs to  $\mathcal{B}$  so long as  $\Lambda_0$  does. We set

$$\mathcal{T} = \{T = T^{\mathcal{L}^*}_{\tilde{\mathcal{L}}} | J^* \text{ is a finite subset of } J \text{ and } \mathcal{L}^* \text{ is a family of lines in } \mathbb{C}\}$$

and

$$\mathcal{B}[J^*, \mathcal{L}^*] = \{A_0 = A_0(R, \mathcal{L}) \in \mathcal{B} \mid L_j = L_j^*, j \in J^*\}.$$

We state a theorem whose proof is given in the next section.

**THEOREM 2.** *Every  $T_{\mathcal{L}^*}^{J^*} (\in \mathcal{T})$  maps  $\mathcal{B}$  onto  $\mathcal{B}[J^*, \mathcal{L}^*]$ .*

**6. PROOF OF THEOREM 2.** We set  $\tilde{A}_0 = T_{\mathcal{L}^*}^{J^*} A_0$ ,  $A_0 \in \mathcal{B}$ . By the definition of  $T_{\mathcal{L}^*}^{J^*}$  it is obvious that  $\tilde{A}_0$  is contained in  $A_{hse}$  and that  $\int_{A_j} \tilde{\lambda} \equiv \int_{B_j} \tilde{\lambda}_0 \equiv 0 \pmod{\tilde{L}_j}$ ,  $j \in J$ , for every  $\tilde{\lambda}_0 \in \tilde{A}_0$ . Therefore we only need to show the equality  $i\tilde{A}_0^* = \tilde{A}_0^\dagger$ . (Note that this implies the closedness of  $\tilde{A}_0$ .)

In the first place, let  $\omega'$  and  $\omega''$  be any two elements of  $\tilde{A}_0$ . Then there are  $\lambda'_0, \lambda''_0 \in A_0$ ;  $\lambda'_{e0}, \lambda''_{e0} \in A_{e0}^{(1)}$  and an  $R_n \in \mathcal{R}$  such that

$$\omega' = \lambda'_0 + \lambda'_{e0}, \quad \omega'' = \lambda''_0 + \lambda''_{e0} \quad \text{on } R - \bar{R}_n.$$

Making use of Lemma twice, we have for  $m > n$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \omega', i\omega''^* \rangle_{R_m} &= -\text{Im} \int_{\partial R_m} \Omega' \bar{\omega}'' + \text{Im} \sum_{j \in J_m} \left( \int_{A_j} \omega' \int_{B_j} \bar{\omega}'' - \int_{B_j} \omega' \int_{A_j} \bar{\omega}'' \right) \\ &= \langle \lambda'_0 + \lambda'_{e0}, i(\lambda''_0 + \lambda''_{e0})^* \rangle_{R_m} \\ &\quad - \text{Im} \sum_{j \in J_m} \left( \int_{A_j} \lambda'_0 \int_{B_j} \bar{\lambda}''_0 - \int_{B_j} \lambda'_0 \int_{A_j} \bar{\lambda}''_0 \right) + \text{Im} \sum_{j \in J_m} \left( \int_{A_j} \omega' \int_{B_j} \bar{\omega}'' - \int_{B_j} \omega' \int_{A_j} \bar{\omega}'' \right) \\ &= \langle \lambda'_0 + \lambda'_{e0}, i(\lambda''_0 + \lambda''_{e0})^* \rangle_{R_m}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\Omega'$  is a primitive function of  $\omega'$  on  $R - R_n$ . But the last term tends to zero as  $m \rightarrow \infty$ , for  $A_0$  is a behavior space (hence  $iA_0^* = A_0^\dagger$ ) and any two of  $A_0$ ,  $A_{e0}^{(1)}$ ,  $A_{e0}^{(1)*}$  are orthogonal to each other. Thus we have proved  $i\tilde{A}_0^* \subset \tilde{A}_0^\dagger$ .

Assume, conversely, that  $\lambda \in A_h$  is orthogonal to  $\tilde{A}_0$ . We have to show  $\alpha)$  the semixactness of  $i\lambda^*$ ,  $\beta) \int_{A_j} i\lambda^* \equiv \int_{B_j} i\lambda^* \equiv 0 \pmod{\tilde{L}_j}$ ,  $j \in J$  and  $\gamma) i\lambda^*$  has  $A_0$ -behavior. To prove  $\alpha)$ , we set  $A_{hm} = \Gamma_{hm} + i\Gamma_{hm}$ , where  $\Gamma_{hm}$  is the space of real harmonic measures on  $R$  (see [2], p. 294). It is easily seen that  $A_{hm} = A_{hse}^{*\perp}$  (cf. [11]). Due to this property, we have for any  $du_{hm} \in A_{hm}$  and  $\omega \in A_0 (\subset A_{hse})$ ,

$$\text{Im} \int_{\partial R_m} u_{hm} \bar{\omega} = \langle du_{hm}, i\omega^* \rangle_{R_m} \rightarrow 0 \quad (m \rightarrow \infty).$$

Now Theorem 1 yields that  $du_{hm}$  has  $A_0$ -behavior. Since the period conditions  $\int_{A_j} du_{hm} \equiv \int_{B_j} du_{hm} \equiv 0 \pmod{\tilde{L}_j}$ ,  $j \in J$ , are trivially satisfied, we know that  $du_{hm} \in \tilde{A}_0$  and hence  $A_{hm} \subset \tilde{A}_0$ . Consequently  $\tilde{A}_0^{*\perp} \subset A_{hm}^{*\perp} = A_{hse}$  and this proves  $\alpha)$ .

Next let  $\omega_{A_j}$  be the differential constructed in Proposition 5:  $\omega_{A_j} = dv' + \lambda'_{e0}$ ,  $dv' \in A_{e0}^1$ ,  $\lambda'_{e0} \in A_{e0}^{(1)}$ . The differential  $z_j \omega_{A_j}$  belongs to  $\tilde{A}_0$  for every complex number  $z_j$ ,  $z_j \equiv 0 \pmod{\tilde{L}_j}$  (cf. Proposition 6). Because  $i\lambda^*$  has been known to

be semistrict, we can apply Lemma to  $i\lambda^*$  and  $z_j\omega_{A_j}$  and obtain

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \langle \lambda, z_j\omega_{A_j} \rangle = \langle \lambda^*, z_jdv'^* \rangle \\ &= -\operatorname{Re} \left[ \bar{z}_j \sum_{k \in J} \left( \int_{A_k} \lambda^* \int_{B_k} \bar{d}v' - \int_{B_k} \lambda^* \int_{A_k} \bar{d}v' \right) \right] = \operatorname{Re} \left( \bar{z}_j \int_{B_j} \lambda^* \right). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore we see that  $\int_{B_j} i\lambda^* \equiv 0 \pmod{\tilde{L}_j}$ . Similarly we have  $\int_{A_j} i\lambda^* \equiv 0 \pmod{\tilde{L}_j}$ . We have proved  $\beta$ ).

Finally we shall prove  $\gamma$ ). Take an arbitrary  $\omega$  in  $\Lambda_0$ . By means of Proposition 5 we see that there are  $\tilde{\omega} \in \tilde{\Lambda}_0$ ,  $du \in \Lambda_{e0}^1$  and  $\lambda_{e0} \in \Lambda_{e0}^{(1)}$  such that  $\tilde{\omega} = \omega + du + \lambda_{e0}$  on  $R$ . Let  $\Phi$  be a primitive function of  $i\lambda^*$  on  $R - R_n$ ,  $n$  being a sufficiently large integer. Then, by Lemma, for  $m > n$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{Im} \int_{\partial R_m} \Phi \bar{\omega} &= -\langle \lambda^*, \omega^* \rangle_{R_m} + \operatorname{Re} \sum_{j \in J_m} \left( \int_{A_j} \lambda^* \int_{B_j} \bar{\omega} - \int_{B_j} \lambda^* \int_{A_j} \bar{\omega} \right) \\ &= -\langle \lambda, \tilde{\omega} - du - \lambda_{e0} \rangle_{R_m} + \operatorname{Re} \sum_{j \in J_m} \left( \int_{A_j} \lambda^* \int_{B_j} \overline{(\tilde{\omega} - du)} \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \int_{B_j} \lambda^* \int_{A_j} \overline{(\tilde{\omega} - du)} \right) \\ &= \langle \lambda, du \rangle_{R_m} - \operatorname{Re} \sum_{j \in J_m} \left( \int_{A_j} \lambda^* \int_{B_j} \bar{d}u - \int_{B_j} \lambda^* \int_{A_j} \bar{d}u \right) + \varepsilon_m, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \varepsilon_m = 0$ . A further use of Lemma implies

$$\operatorname{Im} \int_{\partial R_m} \Phi \bar{\omega} = \langle \lambda, du \rangle_{R_m} - \langle \lambda^*, du^* \rangle_{R_m} + \varepsilon_m = \varepsilon_m.$$

Theorem 1 now allows us to conclude that  $d\Phi = i\lambda^*$  has  $\Lambda_0$ -behavior. We have thus proved that  $T_{\mathcal{L}^*}^{J^*} \mathcal{B} \subset \mathcal{B}[J^*, \mathcal{L}^*]$ .

Finally let  $\hat{\Lambda}_0 \in \mathcal{B}[J^*, \mathcal{L}^*]$ . Then it is easy to see that  $T_{\mathcal{L}^*}^{J^*} \hat{\Lambda}_0 \in \mathcal{B}$  and  $T_{\mathcal{L}^*}^{J^*} (T_{\mathcal{L}^*}^{J^*} \hat{\Lambda}_0) = \hat{\Lambda}_0$ . This completes the proof of Theorem 2.

**COROLLARY.** *If  $\Lambda_0 \in \mathcal{B}$  and  $T \in \mathcal{T}$ , then  $T\Lambda_0 \sim \Lambda_0$ .*

**7.** We shall now define the product of two transformations. Suppose that  $T_k = T_{\mathcal{L}_k^*}^{J_k^*}$  is a transformation determined by  $J_k^*$  and  $\mathcal{L}_k^* = \{L_{jk}^*\}_{j \in J}$ ,  $k = 1, 2$ . Then the product  $T_2 \circ T_1$  of  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  is defined as a transformation  $T_{\mathcal{L}^*}^{J^*}$  determined by  $J^* = J_1^* \cup J_2^*$  and  $\mathcal{L}^* = \{L_j^*\}_{j \in J}$ , where

$$L_j^* = \begin{cases} L_{j_1}^* & \text{if } j \in J_1 - J_2, \\ L_{j_2}^* & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

The transformation determined by  $J_0^* = \phi$  and any  $\mathcal{L}^*$  gives the identity (neu-

tral element) with respect to the product. We note that the product defined above is non-commutative. Indeed,  $T_2 \circ T_1 \neq T_1 \circ T_2$  if  $J_1^* \cap J_2^* \neq \emptyset$  and  $L_{j_1}^* \neq L_{j_2}^*$  for some  $j \in J_1^* \cap J_2^*$ , for example. Since the associative law  $T_3 \circ (T_2 \circ T_1) = (T_3 \circ T_2) \circ T_1$ ,  $T_k \in \mathcal{T}$ , is obviously satisfied,  $\mathcal{T}$  becomes a monoid which operates on  $B$ .

Now we shall prove

**THEOREM 3.** *Two behavior spaces  $A_0$  and  $\tilde{A}_0$  are equivalent if and only if  $\tilde{A}_0 = T A_0$  for some  $T \in \mathcal{T}$ .*

**PROOF.** The if part is obvious (cf. Corollary to Theorem 2). We shall now prove the only if part.

Let  $A_0 = A_0(R, \mathcal{L})$ ,  $\mathcal{L} = \{L_j\}_{j \in J}$  and  $\tilde{A}_0 = A_0(R, \tilde{\mathcal{L}})$ ,  $\tilde{\mathcal{L}} = \{\tilde{L}_j\}_{j \in J}$ . Let  $\omega_{A_j}$  and  $\omega_{B_j}$  ( $j \in J$ ) be the differentials constructed in Proposition 5. If  $\xi_j, \eta_j$  are non-zero complex numbers such that  $\xi_j \equiv \eta_j \equiv 0 \pmod{L_j}$ , and  $|\xi_j| < (2^j \|\omega_{A_j}\|)^{-1}$ ,  $|\eta_j| < (2^j \|\omega_{B_j}\|)^{-1}$ ,  $j \in J$ , then the series

$$\omega = \sum_{j \in J} (\xi_j \omega_{A_j} + \eta_j \omega_{B_j})$$

is convergent and belongs to  $A_0$ . Furthermore,  $\int_{A_j} \omega = \xi_j \neq 0$ ,  $\int_{B_j} \omega = \eta_j \neq 0$  for every  $j \in J$ .

By our assumption  $\omega$  has  $\tilde{A}_0$ -behavior and therefore there are differentials  $\tilde{\lambda}_0 \in \tilde{A}_0$ ,  $\tilde{\lambda}_{e_0} \in A_{e_0}^{(1)}$  such that  $\omega = \tilde{\lambda}_0 + \tilde{\lambda}_{e_0}$  outside some  $\bar{R}_n$ . Hence for  $j \in J - J_n$   $\int_{A_j} \tilde{\lambda}_0 = \int_{B_j} \tilde{\lambda}_0 = \int_{A_j} \omega = \xi_j$  are non-zero complex numbers which are  $\equiv 0 \pmod{L_j}$  as well as  $\equiv 0 \pmod{\tilde{L}_j}$ . Consequently we have  $\tilde{L}_j = L_j$  for every  $j \in J - J_n$ .

Now the set  $J^* = \{j \in J | L_j \neq \tilde{L}_j\}$  is a finite subset of  $J$ . If we set  $T = T_{J^*}^*$ , then we can easily verify that  $T A_0 = \tilde{A}_0$ . In fact, the inclusion  $T A_0 \supset \tilde{A}_0$  is obvious. To prove the converse inclusion relation, let  $\lambda$  be any element of  $T A_0$ . By the definition of  $T A_0$ ,  $\lambda$  has  $A_0$ -behavior. Since  $A_0$  is equivalent to  $\tilde{A}_0$ , we see that  $\lambda$  has  $\tilde{A}_0$ -behavior. Therefore there are  $\tilde{\lambda}'_0 \in \tilde{A}_0$ ,  $\tilde{\lambda}'_{e_0} \in A_{e_0}^{(1)}$  for which  $\lambda = \tilde{\lambda}'_0 + \tilde{\lambda}'_{e_0}$  outside some  $\bar{R}_m$ .

If we set  $\lambda' = \lambda - \tilde{\lambda}'_0$ ,  $\lambda'$  is harmonic on  $R$  and is equal to  $\tilde{\lambda}'_{e_0}$  on  $R - \bar{R}_m$ . Furthermore,  $\int_{A_j} \lambda' = \int_{B_j} \lambda' \equiv 0 \pmod{\tilde{L}_j}$  for  $j \in J_m$ , because  $\int_{A_j} \lambda \equiv \int_{B_j} \lambda \equiv 0 \pmod{\tilde{L}_j}$ ,  $j \in J$ . We can choose complex numbers  $x_j, y_j$ ,  $x_j \equiv y_j \equiv 0 \pmod{\tilde{L}_j}$ ,  $j \in J_m$ , so that

$$\lambda'' = \lambda' - \sum_{j \in J_m} (x_j \omega_{A_j} + y_j \omega_{B_j})$$

has vanishing  $A_j$ - and  $B_j$ -periods,  $j \in J_m$ . Without loss of generality, we may assume that  $\sum_{j \in J_m} (x_j \omega_{A_j} + y_j \omega_{B_j}) = \lambda'_{e_0}$  on  $R - \bar{R}_m$ , where  $\lambda'_{e_0} \in A_{e_0}^{(1)}$  (cf. Proposition 5). Then  $\lambda''$  is a harmonic semiexact differential on  $R$  such that  $\lambda'' = \lambda''_{e_0}$  outside  $\bar{R}_m$ ,  $\lambda''_{e_0} \in A_{e_0}^{(1)}$ . It follows that  $\lambda''$  is identically zero on  $R$ . Since  $x_j \omega_{A_j}, y_j \omega_{B_j} \in \tilde{A}_0$ , we now conclude that  $\lambda = \lambda' + \tilde{\lambda}'_0 = \sum_{j \in J_m} (x_j \omega_{A_j} + y_j \omega_{B_j}) + \tilde{\lambda}'_0$

belongs to  $\tilde{A}_0$ .

q. e. d.

**COROLLARY 1.** *There is a one-to-one correspondence between  $\mathcal{B}_0$  and  $\mathcal{B}/\mathcal{T}$ .*

**COROLLARY 2.** *Let  $\Lambda_0 \in \mathcal{B}$  and  $T \in \mathcal{T}$ . Then for every  $\lambda \in T\Lambda_0$  there exist  $\lambda_0 \in \Lambda_0$  and  $x_j, y_j \in \mathbf{C}$  such that*

(i)  $x_j = y_j = 0$  for all but a finite number of  $j \in J$ ,

(ii)  $\lambda = \lambda_0 - \sum_{j \in J} (x_j \omega_{A_j} + y_j \omega_{B_j})$ .

**PROOF.** Since  $T\Lambda_0$  is equivalent to  $\Lambda_0$ , there is a transformation  $T' \in \mathcal{T}$  such that  $\Lambda_0 = T'(T\Lambda_0)$ . Therefore every element  $\lambda$  of  $T\Lambda_0$  can be written as

$$\lambda = \lambda_0 - \sum_{j \in J} (x_j \omega_{A_j} + y_j \omega_{B_j})$$

with  $\lambda_0 \in \Lambda_0$  and  $x_j, y_j \in \mathbf{C}$ , where  $x_j = y_j = 0$  except for a finite number of  $j \in J$ .

q. e. d.

**8.** A similar argument as above shows the following

**PROPOSITION 7.** *Suppose that  $\Lambda_0, \Lambda'_0 \in \mathcal{B}$  are dual to each other with respect to a line  $L$  in  $\mathbf{C}$  and  $T = T_{\mathcal{L}^*}^{J^*} \in \mathcal{T}$ . Let  $T'$  be another transformation determined by  $J^*$  and  $\mathcal{L}^{*'} = \{L_j^{*'} | L_j^* \text{ is a line in } \mathbf{C} \text{ such that } L_j^{*'} \circ L_j^* = L, j \in J\}$ . Then  $T\Lambda_0$  and  $T'\Lambda'_0$  are dual to each other with respect to the line  $L$ .*

For an open set  $D \subset R$ , let  $\mathcal{A}(D)$  be the family of analytic differentials on  $D$ . Let  $P$  be a regular partition of the ideal boundary of  $R$  and set  $(P)\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{L},n} = \{\varphi \in \mathcal{A}(R - \bar{R}_n) | \varphi \text{ is } (P)\text{semiexact and } \int_{A_j} \varphi \equiv \int_{B_j} \varphi \equiv 0 \pmod{L_j}, j \in J - J_n\}$ . We identify two elements  $\varphi_1, \varphi_2$  in  $\cup_{n=1}^\infty (P)\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{L},n}$  when the difference  $\varphi_1 - \varphi_2$  has  $\Lambda_0$ -behavior. Each equivalence class is called a  $(P)\Lambda_0$ -singularity (see [12]).

As an easy consequence of Definition 4 we have

**PROPOSITION 8.** *Let  $P$  be a regular partition of the ideal boundary of  $R$  and let  $\Lambda_0, \tilde{\Lambda}_0 \in \mathcal{B}, \Lambda_0 \sim \tilde{\Lambda}_0$ . Then a  $(P)\Lambda_0$ -singularity is a  $(P)\tilde{\Lambda}_0$ -singularity and vice versa.*

Theorem 3, Propositions 7 and 8 allow us to choose a most suitable behavior space among the equivalence class when we deal with a concrete problem concerning boundary behavior (of differentials). Replacing the given behavior space by a new one which is equivalent to the original, formulation of the problem may be sometimes considerably simplified. (One of such examples will be found in another paper.)

9. Finally we shall mention the case of semiexact canonical differentials. Let  $\Lambda_K = \Lambda_K(R) = \Gamma_{hm} + i\Gamma_{hse}$ ,  $\Gamma_{hse}$  being the space of square integrable *real* harmonic semiexact differentials on  $R$ . We know that  $\Lambda_K$  is a behavior space which is ( $\mathbf{R}$ -) dual to itself ([11]). A semiexact canonical differential is a meromorphic differential on  $R$  which has  $\Lambda_K$ -behavior ([3-5], [9] etc.).

Theorem 1 implies the following theorem due to Kusunoki:

**THEOREM 4.** ([4, 5]) *Let  $\varphi = du + idu^*$  be a meromorphic semiexact differential on  $R$ . Suppose that for some  $R_n \in \mathcal{R}$   $du$  is exact on  $V = R - \bar{R}_n$  and  $\|du\|_V < \infty$ . Then the following two assertions are equivalent:*

- (I')  $\varphi$  is a semiexact canonical differential.  
 (II') For any square integrable (real) harmonic semiexact differential  $\tau_V$  on  $\bar{V}$ ,  $\langle du, \tau_V^* \rangle_V = - \int_{\partial V} u \tau_V$ .

For the proof we only need to show the equivalence of (II') and (II) in Theorem 1 under the assumption  $\Lambda_0 = \Lambda_K$ .

In the first place, let  $\omega = \sigma + i\tau \in \Lambda_K$ . Then we have  $\langle \varphi, i\omega^* \rangle_V = - \langle du, \tau^* \rangle_V + \langle du, \sigma \rangle_V$  and  $\text{Im} \int_{\partial V} \Phi \bar{\omega} = \int_{\partial V} u^* \sigma - \int_{\partial V} u \tau$ . (Note that  $du^*$  is semiexact.) Thus condition (II) is equivalent to

$$(*) \quad \langle du, \tau^* \rangle_V = - \int_{\partial V} u \tau \quad \text{for every } \tau \in \Gamma_{hse},$$

$$(**) \quad \langle du, \sigma \rangle_V = - \int_{\partial V} u^* \sigma \quad \text{for every } \sigma \in \Gamma_{hm}.$$

Assume (II). Let  $\tau_V$  be a (real) harmonic semiexact differential on  $\bar{V}$  such that  $\|\tau_V\|_V < \infty$ . Then there is a closed  $C^1$ -differential  $\tau_R$  on  $R$  whose restriction to  $\bar{V}$  is equal to  $\tau_V$  (cf. [10], [13]; see also the proof of Theorem 1). By the Dirichlet principle ([2], [5], [11] etc.) there are  $\tau_{hse} \in \Gamma_{hse}$ ,  $\tau_{hm} \in \Gamma_{hm}$  and  $\tau_{e0} \in \Gamma_{e0}^{(1)}$  such that  $\tau_R = \tau_{hse} + \tau_{hm}^* + \tau_{e0}$ , where  $\Gamma_{e0}^{(1)} = \{\lambda \in \Lambda_{e0}^{(1)} \mid \lambda \text{ is real}\}$ . Since  $\tau_R|_{\bar{V}} = \tau_V$  is semiexact (on  $\bar{V}$ ),  $\tau_{hm}^* \in \Gamma_{hm}^* \cap \Gamma_{hse} = \{0\}$  and hence  $\tau_{hm} = 0$ .

Now let  $\hat{u}$  be a (real valued)  $C^1$ -function on  $R$  such that  $\hat{u}|_V = u$ . Clearly  $\|d\hat{u}\| < \infty$ . For any  $\varepsilon > 0$  we can find a (real valued) function  $f \in C_0^2(R)$  such that

$$|\langle d\hat{u}, \tau_{e0}^* - df^* \rangle_{R_k}| \leq \|d\hat{u}\| \cdot \|\tau_{e0} - df\| < \varepsilon$$

holds for every  $k$ . One can choose  $k$  so large that  $\langle d\hat{u}, df^* \rangle_{R_k} = - \int_{\partial R_k} \hat{u} df = 0$ , for the function  $f$  has compact support. Then we have

$$\left| \langle du, \tau_{e0}^* \rangle_{V \cap R_k} + \int_{\partial V} u \tau_{e0} \right| = \left| \int_{\partial R_k} u \tau_{e0} \right| = |\langle d\hat{u}, \tau_{e0}^* \rangle_{R_k}|$$

$$= | \langle d\hat{u}, \tau_{e0}^* - df^* \rangle_{R_k} | < \varepsilon.$$

It follows that  $\langle du, \tau_{e0}^* \rangle_V = - \int_{\partial V} u \tau_{e0}$ . Consequently we have  $\langle du, \tau_V^* \rangle_V = - \int_{\partial V} u \tau_V$ . We have shown that (II) implies (II').

Conversely assume (II'). Then every  $\tau \in \Gamma_{hse}$  satisfies (\*), for  $\tau$  is certainly square integrable and harmonic semiexact on  $\bar{V}$ . Next let  $\sigma = ds \in \Gamma_{hm}$ . Then by the definition of  $\Gamma_{hm}$  there are  $\sigma_m = ds_m \in \Gamma_{hm}(\bar{R}_m)$  such that  $\|\sigma_m - \sigma\|_{R_m} \rightarrow 0$  as  $m \rightarrow \infty$ . We note that under appropriate normalization  $\{s_m\}$  is uniformly convergent to the function  $s$  on  $\partial V$  (cf. [2], p. 147). Also we have  $|\langle du, \sigma - \sigma_m \rangle_{V \cap R_m}| \leq \|du\|_V \cdot \|\sigma - \sigma_m\|_{R_m} \rightarrow 0, m \rightarrow \infty$ . Since  $du^*$  is semiexact, it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \langle du, \sigma \rangle_V &= \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \langle du, \sigma_m \rangle_{V \cap R_m} \\ &= \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\partial V} s_m du^* = \int_{\partial V} s du^*. \end{aligned}$$

The last term (Stieltjes integral) can be integrated by parts (cf. [6]) and thus (\*\*) follows. This completes the proof of Theorem 4.

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