## 130. On Hopf's Ergodic Theorem.

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1. Let *E* be a measurable set of points in |z| < 1. We define its hyperbolic measure  $\sigma(E)$  by  $\sigma(E) = \iint_E \frac{r dr d\theta}{(1-r^2)^2}$  ( $z = re^{i\theta}$ ). Similarly the hyperbolic length  $\lambda(C)$  of a rectifiable curve *C* is defined by  $\lambda(C) = \int_C \frac{|dz|}{1-|z|^2}$ .

Let G be a Fuchsian group of linear transformations, which make |z| < 1 invariant and  $D_0$  be its fundamental domain, which contains  $z_0=0$  and is bounded by at most enumerably infinite number of orthogonal circles to |z|=1,  $z_n$  be equivalents of  $z_0=0$  and n(r) be the number of  $z_n$  in  $|z| \leq r$ . For any z in |z| < 1, we denote its equivalent in  $D_0$  by (z). Let  $E(\theta)$  be the set of points  $(re^{i\theta})$  in  $D_0$ , which are equivalent to points on a radius  $z=re^{i\theta}$   $(0 \leq r < 1)$ . In my former paper<sup>10</sup>, I have proved :

Theorem 1. (i) If  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (1-|z_n|) = \infty$ , then  $E(\theta)$  is everywhere dense in  $D_0$  for almost all  $e^{i\theta}$  on |z|=1, (ii) If  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (1-|z_n|) < \infty$ , then  $\lim_{n \to 1} |(re^{i\theta})| = 1$  for almost all  $e^{i\theta}$  on |z|=1.

Theorem 2. The necessary and sufficient condition that there exists a set e on |z|=1, which is invariant by G and  $0 < me < 2\pi$ , is that  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (1-|z_n|) < \infty$ .

Theorem 1 (i) is an extension of Myrberg's theorem<sup>2)</sup>, who assumed that  $D_0$  lies with its boundary entirely in |z| < 1, in which case, it is easily proved that  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (1-|z_n|) = \infty$ .

2. Let  $\eta_1 = e^{i\theta}$ ,  $\eta_2 = e^{i\varphi}$  be two points on |z| = 1, |w| = 1 respectively. Then the pair  $(\eta_1, \eta_2)$  can be considered as a point on a torus  $\mathcal{Q}(0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi, 0 \leq \varphi \leq 2\pi)$ . For any measurable set E on  $\mathcal{Q}$ , we define its measure mE by  $mE = \iint_E d\theta d\varphi$ , so that  $m\mathcal{Q} = 4\pi^2$ .

Let S be any substitution of G and  $T: \gamma'_1 = S(\gamma_1), \gamma'_2 = S(\gamma_2)$ , then the totality of T constitutes a group  $\mathfrak{G}$ , which is isomorphic to G. Hopf proved the theorem<sup>3)</sup>:

<sup>1)</sup> M. Tsuji: Theory of conformal mapping of a multiply connected domain, III. Jap. Journ. Math. **19** (1944).

<sup>2)</sup> Myrberg: Ein Satz über die Fuchsschen Gruppen und seine Anwendungen in der Funktionentheorie. Annales Academie Sci. Fennicae. **32** (1929).

<sup>3)</sup> E. Hopf: Fuchsian groups and ergodic theory. Trans. Amer. Math. Soc. **39** (1936). Ergodentheorie. Berlin (1937).

Theorem 3 (Hopf). If  $\sigma(D_0) < \infty$ , then there does not exist a set E on  $\Omega$ , which is invariant by  $\mathfrak{G}$  and  $0 < mE < 4\pi^2$ .

From Hopf's lemma 1, it is easily proved that if  $\sigma(D_0) < \infty$ , then  $n(r) \ge \frac{\text{const.}}{1-r}$ ,  $(0 \le r < 1)$ . We will prove the following extension of Hopf's theorem.

Theorem 4 (Main theorem). If  $\overline{\lim_{r \to 1}} n(r)(1-r) > 0$ , then there does not exist a set E on  $\Omega$ , which is invariant by  $\mathfrak{G}$  and  $0 < mE < 4\pi^2$ . 3. We will use some lemmas in the proof.

Lemma 1. Let E be a measurable set on  $\Omega$  and  $f(\theta, \varphi)$  be its chracteristic function and

$$u(z, w) = u(re^{i\theta}, \rho e^{i\varphi})$$
  
=  $\frac{1}{4\pi^2} \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{f(\theta', \varphi')(1 - r^2)(1 - \rho^2)d\theta'\dot{d}\varphi'}{(1 - 2r\cos(\theta' - \theta) + r^2)(1 - 2\rho\cos(\varphi' - \varphi) + \rho^2)}$   
 $(0 \le r < 1, 0 \le \rho < 1).$ 

Then  $u(z, w) \rightarrow f(\theta, \varphi)$  almost everywhere on  $\Omega$ , when  $z \rightarrow e^{i\theta}$ ,  $w \rightarrow e^{i\varphi}$  non-tangentially to |z|=1, |w|=1 respectively.

Proof. By the strong density theorem,

$$\frac{1}{\delta\delta'} \int_{\theta_0 - \delta}^{\theta_0 + \delta} \int_{\varphi_0 - \delta'}^{\varphi_0 + \delta'} |f(\theta, \varphi) - f(\theta_0, \varphi_0)| \, d\theta d\varphi \to 0 \,, \quad \text{as} \quad \delta \to 0 \,, \quad \delta' \to 0$$
(1)

almost everywhere on  $\mathcal{Q}$ . It can be proved that if (1) holds at  $(\theta_0, \varphi_0)$ , then  $u(z, w) \rightarrow f(\theta_0, \varphi_0)$ , when  $z \rightarrow e^{i\theta_0}$ ,  $w \rightarrow e^{i\varphi_0}$  non-tangentially to |z|=1, |w|=1 respectively.

Lemma 2. If  $\overline{\lim_{r \to 1}} n(r)(1-r) > 0$ , then there does not exist a set e on |z|=1, which is invariant by G and  $0 < me < 2\pi$ .

**Proof.** Under the hypothesis, it is easily proved that  $\int_0^1 n(r)dr = \infty$ , or  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (1-|z_n|) = \infty$ , so that the lemma follows from Theorem 2.

Lemma 3. Let  $K_0: |z| \leq r_0$  be a disc contained in  $D_0$  and  $K_n$  be its equivalents and rL(r) be the measure of the part of |z|=r contained in  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} K_n$ . If  $\overline{\lim_{r \to 1}} n(r)(1-r) > 0$ , there exists  $\rho_{\nu} \to 1$ , such that  $L(\rho_{\nu}) \geq a > 0$  ( $\nu = 1, 2, ...$ ).

Lemma 4. Let  $K_0: |z| = r_0$  and  $K: \left| \frac{z-a}{1-\bar{a}z} \right| = r_0$  (|a| < 1) be two circles in |z| < 1. We transform K into  $K_0$  by S:

$$S: z'=e^{i\theta}\cdot\frac{z-a}{1-\bar{a}z}, \text{ such that } S(K)=K_0, S(0)=\rho_0e^{i\varphi_0}.$$

Then  $S(K_0) = \overline{K}$  is obtained from K by a rotation about z=0.

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Let e be a set on |z|=1 contained in an arc  $C:\pi \geq |\arg z - \arg a| \geq \eta > 0$ . Then S(e) is contained in an arc  $\overline{C}$  on |z|=1, whose center is at  $e^{i\varphi_0}$ , such that  $m\overline{C}=xR$  (R=radius of K) and

$$\frac{1}{2\pi}me > \frac{mS(e)}{m\overline{C}} > \lambda me,$$

$$\alpha = \frac{2\pi}{r_0 \sin^2 \gamma}, \qquad \lambda = \frac{\sin^2 \gamma (1-r_0^2)}{8\pi}.$$

where

4. Proof of Theorem 4. Suppose that there exists a set E on  $\mathcal{Q}$ , which is invariant by  $\mathfrak{G}$  and  $0 < mE < 4\pi^2$ . Let  $f(\theta, \varphi)$  be its characteristic function and we construct u(z, w) as Lemma 1. Then  $u(z, w) \rightarrow f(\theta, \varphi)$  almost everywhere on  $\mathcal{Q}$ , when  $z \rightarrow e^{i\theta}$ ,  $w \rightarrow e^{i\varphi}$  non-tangentially to |z|=1, |w|=1 respectively. For any substitution S of G,

$$u(S(z), S(w)) = u(z, w).$$
<sup>(1)</sup>

Let  $E(\theta_0)$ ,  $\overline{E}(\varphi_0)$  be the sub-sets of E, which lie on the line  $\theta = \text{const.} = \theta_0$  and  $\varphi = \text{const.} = \varphi_0$  respectively, then

$$mE = \int_{0}^{2\pi} mE(\theta)d\theta = \int_{0}^{2\pi} m\overline{E}(\varphi)d\varphi .$$
 (2)

Now

$$u(0, w) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{F(\varphi') (1-\rho^2) d\varphi'}{1-2\rho \cos(\varphi'-\varphi)+\rho^2} ,$$
  

$$F(\varphi) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(\theta, \varphi) d\theta = \frac{1}{2\pi} m \overline{E}(\varphi) .$$
(3)

where

Let  $E(\theta)=0$  on a set e of positive measure, then since such a set is invariant by G, we have  $me=2\pi$  by Lemma 2. Hence mE=0 by (2), which contradicts the hypothesis, so that  $mE(\theta) \neq 0$  for almost all  $\theta$ . Hence if  $\eta$  is small, then there exists a set e of measure  $me > 2\pi - e$  $(e < \pi)$ , such that

$$mE( heta) \ge 4\eta$$
 for any  $heta \in e$ .

Let  $E_1$  be a sub-set of E consisting of points  $(\theta, \varphi)$ , such that

$$E_1: \theta \in e, \qquad |\varphi - \theta| \ge \eta. \tag{4}$$

If  $E_1(\theta)$  is defined as  $E(\theta)$  with respect to  $E_1$ , then

$$mE_{\mathbf{i}}(\theta) \ge mE(\theta) - 2\eta \ge 4\eta - 2\eta = 2\eta, \qquad (5)$$

so that

t 
$$mE = \int_{e} mE(\theta) d\theta \ge 2\eta \ me \ge 2\eta \ (2\pi - \epsilon) \ge 2\pi\eta.$$

By Egoroff's theorem, there exists a closed sub-set  $E_0$  of  $E_1$  of positive measure consisting of points  $(\theta, \varphi)$ , such that

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 $E_0$ : (i)  $\theta \in e_0$ ,  $|\varphi - \theta| \ge \eta$ , where  $e_0$  is a closed sub-set of e,

such that 
$$me_0 > 2\pi - \epsilon$$
, (6)

- (ii)  $mE_0(\theta) \ge \eta$ , where  $E_0(\theta)$  is defined as  $E(\theta)$  with respect to  $E_0$ , (7)
- (iii)  $u(z, w) \to 1$  uniformly, when  $z \to e^{i\theta}$ ,  $w \to e^{i\varphi}$  from the inside of angular domains:  $\Delta(\theta)$ :  $|\arg(1-ze^{-i\theta})| \leq \omega$ ,  $\Delta(\varphi)$ :  $|\arg(1-we^{-i\varphi})| \leq \omega$ , where  $\omega$  is so chosen that, if an equivalent  $K_j$  of  $K_0$ :  $|z| \leq r_0$  intersects a radius  $z=re^{i\theta}$  $(0 \leq r < 1)$ , then its non-euclidean center  $z_j$  is contained in  $\Delta(\theta)$ .

Hence if 
$$|z_j - e^{i\theta}| < \delta(\varepsilon), |w - e^{i\varphi}| < \delta(\varepsilon), w \in \Delta(\varphi), \text{ then}$$
  
 $1 - \varepsilon \leq u(z_j, w) \leq 1,$  (8)

where  $\delta(\varepsilon)$  depends on  $\varepsilon$  only and is independent of  $(\theta, \varphi)$  on  $E_0$ .

Let L(r) be defined as Lemma 3. Then there exists  $\rho_{\nu} > 1$ , such that  $L(\rho_{\nu}) \geq a$  ( $\nu = 1, 2, ...$ ). Now the part of  $|z| = \rho_{\nu}$  contained in  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} K_n$  consists of a set of arcs. If we project these arcs from z=0 on |z|=1, we have a set of arcs on |z|=1. We divide these arcs into two classes:  $\sum_{j} \alpha_{j}(\rho_{\nu}) + \sum_{j} \beta_{j}(\rho_{\nu})$ , where  $\alpha_{j}(\rho_{\nu})$  contains at least one point  $\theta_{j} \in e_{0}$  and  $\beta_{j}(\rho_{\nu})$  does not contain such points. If we denote the arc length of an arc  $\alpha$  on |z|=1 by  $|\alpha|$ , then

$$L(\rho_{\nu}) = \sum_{j} |a_{j}(\rho_{\nu})| + \sum_{j} |\beta_{j}(\rho_{\nu})| \geq a.$$

Let  $e'_0$  be the complementary set of  $e_0$ , then  $me'_0 < \varepsilon$ , so that if we take  $\varepsilon \leq \frac{a}{2}$ , then  $\sum_j |\beta_j(\rho_\nu)| \leq me'_0 < \varepsilon \leq \frac{a}{2}$ . Hence

$$L'(\rho_{\nu}) = \sum_{j=1}^{m-m(\nu)} |a_{j}(\rho_{\nu})| \ge \frac{a}{2}, \qquad (9)$$

where  $a_j(\rho_{\nu})$  is the projection of an arc on  $|z| = \rho_{\nu}$  contained in  $K_j$ , which intersects a radius  $z = re^{i\theta_j}$  ( $0 \leq r < 1$ ), such that  $\theta_j \in e_0$ .

Let  $z_j = r_j e^{i\psi_j}$  be its non-euclidean center and put  $U_j(w) = u(z_j, w)$ . Then  $U_j(w)$  is a bounded harmonic function in |w| < 1, so that by Fatou's theorem,  $\lim U_j(w)$  exists almost everywhere on |w|=1, when w tends to |w|=1 non-tangentially. We write this limiting value by  $u(z_j, e^{i\varphi})$ . Hence there exists a sub-set  $E'_0(\theta_j)$  of  $E_0(\theta_j)$ , such that  $mE'_0(\theta_j) = mE_0(\theta_j)$  and for any  $\varphi \in E'_0(\theta_j)$ , the limiting value  $u(z_j, e^{i\varphi})$ exists.

Let  $\theta_j \in e_0$ ,  $\varphi \in E'_0(\theta_j)$ , then by (7),

$$mE_0'(\theta_j) \ge \gamma , \tag{10}$$

and from (6), if  $\nu \ge \nu_0$ ,  $E'_0(\theta_j)$  is contained in an arc  $C_j$  on |z|=1, such that

$$C_j: \pi \ge |\arg z - \psi_j| \ge \frac{\gamma}{2}.$$
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Let  $S_j$  be the substitution of G, such that  $S_j(K_j) = K_0$ ,  $S_j(z_j) = 0$ and put  $S_j(K_0) = \overline{K}_j$ . Then by Lemma 4,  $\overline{K}_j$  is obtained from  $K_j$  by a rotation about z=0. Let  $|z| = \rho_{\nu}$  intersect  $\overline{K}_j$  in an arc, whose projection from z=0 on |z|=1 be  $\overline{a}_j(\rho_{\nu})$ . We put

$$A_{\nu} = \sum_{j=1}^{m-m(\nu)} \overline{a}_{j}(\rho_{\nu}) , \qquad A = \overline{\lim_{\nu \to \infty}} A_{\nu} = (A_{1} + A_{2} + \cdots) (A_{2} + A_{3} + \cdots) \cdots ,$$
  
then, since  $|\overline{a}_{j}(\rho_{\nu})| = |a_{j}(\rho_{\nu})|, \quad mA_{\nu} = L'(\rho_{\nu}) = \sum_{j=1}^{m} |a_{j}(\rho_{\nu})| \ge \frac{a}{2},$  so that  
 $mA \ge \frac{a}{2}.$  (12)

By (10), (11) and Lemma 4,  $S_j(E'_0(\theta_j))$  is contained in an arc  $\overline{C}_j$ on |z|=1, concentric with  $\overline{a}_j(\rho_\nu)$  and  $m\overline{C}_j = \alpha R_j$   $(R_j = \text{radius of } K_j)$ , such that

$$\frac{mS_{j}(E_{0}^{\prime}(\theta_{j}))}{m\bar{C}_{j}} > \lambda mE_{0}^{\prime}(\theta_{j}) \geq \lambda \eta , \qquad (13)$$

where  $x, \lambda$  depend on  $\eta$  anly. Since  $x > 2\pi$ ,  $\overline{C}_j$  contains  $\overline{a}_j(\rho_{\nu})$ . We put

$$M_{\nu} = S_{1}(E'_{0}(\theta_{1})) + S_{2}(E'_{0}(\theta_{2})) + \dots + S_{m}(E'_{0}(\theta_{m})), (m = m(\nu)),$$
  
$$M^{(\nu)} = M_{\nu} + M_{\nu+1} + \dots, M = \overline{\lim_{\nu \to \infty}} M_{\nu} = (M_{1} + M_{2} + \dots)(M_{2} + M_{3} + \dots) \dots .$$

Let  $\varphi \in A$ , then  $\varphi \in A_{\nu_n}$  (n=1, 2, ...), so that

$$\varphi \in \bar{a}_{j_n}(\rho_{\nu_n}) < \bar{C}_{j_n}(1 \leq j_n \leq m(\nu_n)).$$

Hence if  $\nu \leq \nu_n$ , then by (13),

$$egin{aligned} m(M^{(
u)}\cdotar{C}_{j_n})&\geqq m(M_{
u_n}\cdotar{C}_{j_n})\geqq migg(S_{j_n}igl(E_0'( heta_{j_n})igr)\cdotar{C}_{j_n}igr)\ &=migl(S_{j_n}igl(E_0'( heta_{j_n})igr)\geqq\lambda\eta mar{C}_{j_n}\,. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\overline{C}_{j_n} \to \varphi$  for  $n \to \infty$ , the lower density of  $M^{(\nu)}$  at  $\varphi$  is  $\geq \lambda \eta$ , so that  $mM^{(\nu)} \geq mA \geq \frac{a}{2}$ . Hence

$$mM = \lim_{\nu \to \infty} mM^{(\nu)} \geq \frac{a}{2}.$$

Let  $\varphi \in M$ , then  $\varphi \in M_{\nu_n}$  (n=1, 2, ...), so that

$$\varphi \in S_{j_n}(E'_0(\theta_{j_n}))(1 \leq j_n \leq m(\nu_n)).$$

Let  $K_{j_n}$  be the disc, such that  $S_{j_n}(K_{j_n}) = K_0$  intersecting a radius  $z = re^{i\theta_{j_n}}$   $(0 \leq r \leq 1, \ \theta_{j_n} \in e_0)$ , whose non-euclidean center is  $z_{j_n}$ . Then

$$S_{j_n}^{-1}(\varphi) = \varphi_{j_n} \in E'_0(\theta_{j_n}), \qquad S_{j_n}(z_{j_n}) = 0$$

By making  $w \to e^{i\varphi_{j_n}}$  in (8), we have by (1),

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$$1-\varepsilon \leq u(z_{j_n}, e^{i\varphi_j}) = u(0, e^{i\varphi}) \leq 1$$

if  $|z_{j_n} - e^{i\theta_{j_n}}| < \delta(\varepsilon)$ . Since  $|z_{j_n} - e^{i\theta_{j_n}}| \to 0$  for  $n \to \infty$ , we have  $u(0, e^{i\varphi}) = 1$ . Hence  $u(0, e^{i\varphi}) = 1$  at every point  $\varphi$  on M. Since the set on |w| = 1, such that u(0, w) = 1 is invariant by G and mM > 0, we have by Lemma 2,  $mM = 2\pi$ , so that u(0, w) = 1 almost everywhere on |w| = 1. Since by (3),  $u(0, e^{i\varphi}) = \frac{1}{2\pi} m\overline{E}(\varphi)$  almost everywhere on |w| = 1, we have  $m\overline{E}(\varphi) = 2\pi$  almost everywhere on |w| = 1, so that by (2),  $mE = 4\pi^2$ , which contradicts the hypothesis, which proves the Theorem.

Theorem 5. If  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (1-|z_n|) < \infty$ , then there exists a set E on  $\mathcal{Q}$ , which is invariant by  $\mathfrak{G}$  and  $0 < mE < 4\pi^2$ .

**Proof.** By theorem 2, there exists a set e on |z|=1, which is invariant by G and  $0 < me < 2\pi$ . Then the product set  $E=e \times e$  is invariant by  $\mathfrak{G}$  and  $0 < mE=(me)^2 < 4\pi^2$ . We can also prove directly as follows.

Let  $Q: \left| \theta - \frac{\pi}{2} \right| \leq \epsilon$ ,  $|\varphi - \pi| \leq \epsilon \left( \epsilon < \frac{\pi}{16} \right)$  be a square contained in  $\Omega$  and  $\alpha, \overline{\alpha}, \beta, \overline{\beta}$  be arcs on |z| = 1, such that

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha : & \left| \arg z - \frac{\pi}{2} \right| \leq \varepsilon, \quad \bar{\alpha} : \quad \left| \arg z - \frac{\pi}{2} \right| \leq \frac{\pi}{8}, \\ \beta : & \left| \arg z - \pi \right| \leq \varepsilon, \quad \bar{\beta} : \quad \left| \arg z - \pi \right| \leq \frac{\pi}{8}, \end{aligned}$$

and  $\bar{\omega}$  be the complementary set of  $\bar{\alpha} + \bar{\beta}$  on |z| = 1. Let  $K_0: |z| \leq r_0$ be a disc contained in the fundamental domain of G and  $K_n, z_n = r_n e^{i\theta_n}$ be equivalents of  $K_0, z_0 = 0$  by G respectively, such that  $S_n(K_n) = K_0$ ,  $S_n(z_n) = 0, z_n \in K_n$  and  $\rho_n$  be its radius.

(i) If  $\theta_n \in \bar{\omega}$ , then, since  $\varepsilon < \frac{\pi}{16}$ , for any z on  $\alpha, \beta$ ,  $|\arg z - \theta_n| \ge \frac{\pi}{16}$ . Hence by Lemma 4,

$$mS_n(\alpha) < \frac{lpha 
ho_n}{2\pi} m \alpha = \frac{\epsilon lpha}{\pi} \rho_n, \qquad mS_n(\beta) < \frac{\epsilon lpha}{\pi} \rho_n,$$

so that

$$mS_n(Q) < \!\! rac{arepsilon^2 arphi^2}{\pi^2} 
ho_n^2 < 2 arepsilon lpha 
ho_n$$
 .

(ii) If  $\theta_n \in \overline{\alpha}$ , then for any z on  $\beta$ ,  $|\arg z - \theta_n| \ge \frac{\pi}{16}$ , so that  $mS_n(\beta) < \frac{\epsilon \chi}{\pi} \rho_n$ . Since  $mS_n(\alpha) \le 2\pi$ , we have  $mS_n(Q) < 2\epsilon \chi \rho_n$ .

We have the same inequality, if  $\theta_n \in \overline{\beta}$ .

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Since as easily be proved,  $\rho_n = \frac{r_0(1-|z_n|^2)}{1-r_0^2} < \frac{2r_0}{1-r_0^2} (1-|z_n|),$ we have  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \rho_n < \infty$ . If we take  $\epsilon$  so small, that

$$\sum\limits_{n=0}^{\infty}mS_n(Q)<2$$
ex  $\sum\limits_{n=0}^{\infty}
ho_n<4\pi^2$  ,

then  $E = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} S_n(Q)$  is invariant by  $\mathfrak{G}$  and  $0 < mE \leq \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} mS_n(Q) < 4\pi^2$ , q.e.d.

Remark. The condition  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (1-|z_n|) < \infty$  is equivalent to  $\int_0^1 n(r) dr < \infty$ . Hence we have three cases: (I)  $\int_0^1 n(r) dr = \infty$ ; (a)  $\lim_{r \to 1} n(r) (1-r) > 0$ , (b)  $\lim_{r \to 1} n(r) (1-r) = 0$ ,

(II) 
$$\int_0^{n(r)} dr < \infty$$
.

In case (I) (a), by Theorem 4, there does not exist a set E on  $\mathcal{Q}$ , which is invariant by  $\mathfrak{G}$  and  $0 < mE < 4\pi^2$ . In case (II), by Theorem 5, there exists such invariant sets. In case (I) (b) we have no informations about the existence of such invariant sets. It seems that there exist groups of class (I) (b), for which such invariant sets exist and groups, for which such invariant sets do not exist, but I have no examples for it.

5. Consider *n* points:  $\eta_1 = e^{i\theta_1}, \ldots, \eta_n = e^{i\theta_n}$  on  $|z_1| = 1, \ldots, |z_n| = 1$ respectively. Then the pair  $(\eta_1, \ldots, \eta_n)$  can be considered as a point on an *n*-dimensional torus  $\mathcal{Q}_n$   $(0 \leq \theta_j \leq 2\pi, j=1, 2, \ldots, n)$  and the measure of a set *E* on  $\mathcal{Q}_n$  is defined by  $mE = \int_E \cdots \int d\theta_1 \ldots d\theta_n$ , so that  $m\mathcal{Q}_n = (2\pi)^n$ . Let *S* be any substitution of *G* and  $T: \eta'_1 = S(\eta_1), \ldots, \eta'_n = S(\eta_n)$ . Then the totality of *T* constitues a group  $\mathfrak{G}_n$ , which is isomorphic to *G*. We will prove:

Theorem 6. If  $n \ge 3$ , then there exists always a set E on  $\Omega_n$ , which is invariant by  $\mathfrak{S}_n$  and  $0 < mE < (2\pi)^n$ .

*Proof.* We assume n=3, the other case can be proved similarly. Let  $Q: \left|\theta - \frac{\pi}{2}\right| \leq \epsilon$ ,  $|\varphi - \pi| \leq \epsilon$ ,  $\left|\psi - \frac{3\pi}{2}\right| \leq \epsilon \left(\epsilon < \frac{\pi}{16}\right)$  be a cube on  $\mathcal{Q}_3$  in  $(\theta, \varphi, \psi)$ -space and  $\alpha, \overline{\alpha}, \beta, \overline{\beta}, \gamma, \overline{\gamma}$  be arcs on |z|=1, such that

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha &: \left| \arg z - \frac{\pi}{2} \right| \leq \varepsilon, \quad \bar{\alpha} : \left| \arg z - \frac{\pi}{2} \right| \leq \frac{\pi}{8}, \\ \beta &: \left| \arg z - \pi \right| \leq \varepsilon, \quad \bar{\beta} : \left| \arg z - \pi \right| \leq \frac{\pi}{8}, \\ \gamma &: \left| \arg z - \frac{3\pi}{2} \right| \leq \varepsilon, \quad \bar{\gamma} : \left| \arg z - \frac{3\pi}{2} \right| \leq \frac{\pi}{8} \end{aligned}$$

and  $\overline{\omega}$  be the complementary set of  $\overline{\alpha} + \overline{\beta} + \overline{\gamma}$  on |z| = 1.

Let  $K_0: |z| \leq r_0$  be a disc contained in the fundamental domain

of G and  $K_n$ ,  $z_n = re^{i\theta_n}$  be equivalents of  $K_0$ ,  $z_0 = 0$  by G respectively such that  $S_n(K_n) = K_0$ ,  $S_n(z_n) = 0$ ,  $z_n \in K_n$  and  $\rho_n$  be its radius, then since  $K_n$  are non-overlapping,  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \rho_n^2 < 1$ .

- (i) If  $\theta_n \in \bar{\omega}$ , then, since  $\varepsilon < \frac{\pi}{16}$ , for any z on  $a, \beta, \gamma$ ,  $|\arg z \theta_n|$   $\geq \frac{\pi}{16}$ , so that by Lemma 4,  $mS_n(a) \leq \frac{\kappa \rho_n}{2\pi} me = \frac{\epsilon \kappa}{\pi} \rho_n$ ,  $mS_n(\beta)$  $\leq \frac{\epsilon \kappa}{\pi} \rho_n$ ,  $mS_n(\gamma) \leq \frac{\epsilon \kappa}{\pi} \rho_n$ . Hence  $mS_n(Q) \leq \left(\frac{\epsilon \kappa}{\pi}\right)^3 \rho_n^3 < \epsilon^2 \kappa^2 \rho_n^2$ .
- (ii) If  $\theta_n \in \overline{a}$ , then for any z on  $\beta, \gamma$ ,  $|\arg z \theta_n| \ge \frac{\pi}{16}$ , so that  $mS_n(\beta) \le \frac{\epsilon x}{\pi} \rho_n$ ,  $mS_n(\gamma) \le \frac{\epsilon x}{\pi} \rho_n$ . Since  $mS_n(\alpha) \le 2\pi$ , we have  $mS_n(Q) \le \frac{2\epsilon^2 x^2}{\pi} \rho_n^2 < \epsilon^2 x^2 \rho_n^2$ .

We have the same inequality, if  $\theta_n \in \overline{\beta}$  or  $\theta_n \in \overline{\gamma}$ .

If we take  $\epsilon$  so small, that  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} mS_n(Q) < \epsilon^2 x^2 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \rho_n^2 = \epsilon^2 x^2 < 8\pi^3$ , then  $E = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} S_n(Q)$  is invariant by  $\mathfrak{G}_3$  and  $0 < mE \leq \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} mS_n(Q) < 8\pi^3$ , q.e.d.

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