

## 74. Some Remarks on the Class of Riemann Surfaces with (W)-property

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**Introduction.** In the classification theory we know that some classes of Riemann surfaces are characterized in terms of the subspaces of real square integrable harmonic differentials. For example,  $\Gamma_{he}(R) \cap {}^*\Gamma_{he}(R) = \{0\}$  (resp.  $\Gamma_{he}(R) \cap {}^*\Gamma_{hse}(R) = \{0\}$ ) if and only if  $R \in O_{AD}$  (resp.  $R \in O_{KD}$ ). (See §1 for notations.) In the papers [3,6] M. Watanabe (néé Mori) introduced the following condition, which we call here (W)-property,

$$\Gamma_{he}(R) \cap {}^*\Gamma_{hse}(R) \subset {}^*\Gamma_{he}(R)$$

or equivalently

$$\Gamma_{ho}(R) \cap {}^*\Gamma_{ho}(R) = \Gamma_{hse}(R) \cap {}^*\Gamma_{ho}(R)$$

for a Riemann surface  $R$ . She obtained other equivalent conditions and interesting consequences.

In the paper [1] we have given a new characterization of (W)-property in terms of specific period reproducing differentials.

In the present paper we shall consider the class of Riemann surfaces with (W)-property, which we denote by  $P_w$ , in the context of the classification theory.

**1. Preliminaries.** For the sake of convenience we recall some definitions. Let  $\Gamma_h(R)$  be the Hilbert space of real square integrable harmonic differentials on a Riemann surface  $R$ , where the inner product is given by

$$(\omega_1, \omega_2) = (\omega_1, \omega_2)_R = \int \int_R \omega_1 \wedge {}^*\omega_2,$$

${}^*\omega_2$  being the conjugate differential of  $\omega_2$ . Let  $\Gamma_{he}(R)$  (resp.  $\Gamma_{hse}(R)$ ) be the subspace of  $\Gamma_h(R)$  whose elements  $\omega$  are exact (resp. semiexact) on  $R$ , that is

$$\int_\gamma \omega = 0 \text{ for every (resp. every dividing) 1-cycle } \gamma \text{ on } R.$$

Given a closed subspace  $\Gamma_y$  of  $\Gamma_h$ , the orthogonal complement of  $\Gamma_y$  in  $\Gamma_h$  is denoted by  $\Gamma_y^\perp$ . For the spaces  $\Gamma_{ho} = ({}^*\Gamma_{he})^\perp$  and  $\Gamma_{hm} = ({}^*\Gamma_{hse})^\perp$ , the following inclusion relations hold

$$\Gamma_h \supset \Gamma_{hse} \supset \Gamma_{he} \supset \Gamma_{hm}; \Gamma_{hse} \supset \Gamma_{ho} \supset \Gamma_{hm}.$$

The  $\Gamma_{hm}$  is known as the space of harmonic measure differentials. For a given 1-cycle  $c$  on  $R$  and a closed subspace  $\Gamma_y$  of  $\Gamma_h$  there exists uniquely the period reproducing differential  $\sigma_y(c)$  in  $\Gamma_y$  such that

$$\int_c \omega = (\omega, \sigma_y(c))_R \text{ for every } \omega \in \Gamma_y.$$

We are interested in  $\sigma_{hse}(c)$  and  $\sigma_{ho}(c)$ .

Let  $HD(R)$  be the class of real-valued harmonic functions on  $R$  with finite Dirichlet integral and  $ReAD(R)$  (resp.  $KD(R)$ ) be the subclass of  $HD(R)$  whose elements  $u$  have the following property;

$$\int_{\gamma}^* du = 0 \text{ for every (resp. every dividing) 1-cycle } \gamma \text{ on } R$$

where  $^*du$  is the conjugate differential of  $du$ . We know that

$$\begin{aligned} \{du; u \in HD(R)\} &= \Gamma_{he}(R) \\ \{du; u \in KD(R)\} &= \Gamma_{he}(R) \cap {}^*\Gamma_{hse}(R) \\ \{du; u \in ReAD(R)\} &= \Gamma_{he}(R) \cap {}^*\Gamma_{he}(R). \end{aligned}$$

We say a Riemann surface  $R$  belongs to the class  $O_{AD}$  (resp.  $O_{KD}$ ) if and only if  $ReAD(R)$  (resp.  $KD(R)$ ) implies only constant functions.

**2. The class  $P_W$ . 2.1 Results.** Our result in [1] is the following theorem.

**Theorem A.** *Let  $R$  be an arbitrary Riemann surface, and  $\sigma_{hse}(c)$  and  $\sigma_{ho}(c)$  as above for an 1-cycle  $c$  on  $R$ .*

*Then the following properties are equivalent;*

- (I)  $R$  has (W)-property.
- (II)  $\|\sigma_{hse}(c)\|_R = \|\sigma_{ho}(c)\|_R$  (equivalently  $\sigma_{hse}(c) = \sigma_{ho}(c)$ ) for every 1-cycle  $c$  on  $R$ , where  $\|\omega\|_R$  is the Dirichlet norm of  $\omega \in \Gamma_h(R)$ .

*Furthermore, if  $R$  is of finite positive genus, the next properties are also equivalent;*

- (III)  $R$  belongs to the class  $O_{AD}$ .
- (IV)  $\|\sigma_{hse}(c)\|_R = \|\sigma_{ho}(c)\|_R$  (equivalently  $\sigma_{hse}(c) = \sigma_{ho}(c)$ ) for some non-dividing 1-cycle  $c$  on  $R$ .

By Theorem A we know that  $O_{AD} = O_{KD} = P_W$  holds for Riemann surfaces of finite genus. In case of infinite genus we show the next proposition;

**Proposition 1.** *For Riemann surfaces of infinite genus,*

$$O_{KD} = O_{AD} \cap P_W$$

*holds and there is no inclusion relation between  $O_{AD}$  and  $P_W$ .*

If  $R$  is of finite positive genus, the condition (IV) in Theorem A is equivalent to (W)-property. But in infinite case the condition (IV) is not sufficient, that is;

**Proposition 2.** *There exists a Riemann surface  $R$  of infinite genus on which there are non-dividing 1-cycles  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  having next properties;*

$$\|\sigma_{hse}(c_1)\|_R = \|\sigma_{ho}(c_1)\|_R, \|\sigma_{hse}(c_2)\|_R \neq \|\sigma_{ho}(c_2)\|_R.$$

For Riemann surfaces of finite genus  $P_W = O_{KD}$  is quasiconformally invariant.

We show that this property is not valid in case of infinite genus.

**Proposition 3.** *The class  $P_W$  is not quasiconformally invariant.*

**2.2. Proofs.** *Proof of Proposition 1.* If a Riemann surface  $R$  belongs to  $O_{AD}$  and  $P_W$ , then  $\Gamma_{he} \cap {}^*\Gamma_{he} = \{0\}$  and  $\Gamma_{he} \cap {}^*\Gamma_{hse} \subset {}^*\Gamma_{he}$  holds for  $R$ . Therefore  $\Gamma_{he} \cap {}^*\Gamma_{hse} = \{0\}$  and  $R$  belongs to  $O_{KD}$ .

Conversely if  $R$  belongs to  $O_{KD}$ , then

$$\Gamma_{he} \cap {}^*\Gamma_{he} \subset \Gamma_{he} \cap {}^*\Gamma_{hse} = \{0\} \subset {}^*\Gamma_{he}.$$

Hence  $R \in O_{AD} \cap P_W$ .

We know that the class  $O_{KD}$  is a proper subset of the class  $O_{AD}$  (cf.

Sario Nakai [5] Theorem II 15D, I 10B Myrberg's example).

We construct a Riemann surface which belongs to  $P_W \setminus O_{AD}$ .

We recall Sakai's example, "Example 1.5" in [4]. For the sake of convenience we reconstruct Sakai's example and we shall show that this Riemann surface belongs to  $P_W \setminus O_{AD}$ .

**Example 1** (Example 1.5 [4]). Let  $U$  be the unit disc. Set

$$l_{n,m} = \left\{ z = re^{i\theta}; 1 - \frac{1}{2^n} \leq r \leq \left(1 - \frac{1}{2^n}\right) + \frac{1}{2^{n+2}}, \theta = \frac{2\pi}{[8\pi(2^n - 1)]} m \right\}$$

$$(n = 1, 2, \dots; m = 1, 2, \dots, [8\pi(2^n - 1)])$$

where  $[ \ ]$  denotes Gauss' symbol. Let  $U_i (i = 1, 2)$  be two copies of  $U \setminus \cup_{n,m} l_{n,m}$ , and join  $U_1$  with  $U_2$  crosswisely along every slit  $l_{n,m}$ . This gives a two sheeted ramified covering surface  $R_1$  of  $U$  with a natural projection map  $\pi_1$  of  $R_1$  onto  $U$ . It is easily seen that  $R_1$  does not belong to the class  $O_{AD}$ . It has been shown in [4] that if  $\pi_1(p) = \pi_1(q)$ , then  $u(p) = u(q)$  for every  $u \in HD(R_1)$ . In other words we can identify  $HD(R_1)$  with  $HD(U)$  by the projection map  $\pi_1$ , that is for every  $u \in HD(R_1)$  there exists  $\tilde{u} \in HD(U)$  such that  $u(p) = \tilde{u} \circ \pi_1(p)$ .

Let  $c$  be an arbitrary 1-cycle on  $R_1$ .

Since  $\pi_1(c)$ , the projection of  $c$ , is also an 1-cycle on  $U$ , we obtain

$$\int_c^* du = \int_{\pi_1(c)}^* d\tilde{u} = 0$$

for every  $u \in HD(R_1)$ . This implies that  $\Gamma_{he}(R_1) = \Gamma_{he}(R_1) \cap {}^* \Gamma_{he}(R_1)$  holds on  $R_1$ . Therefore  $R_1$  has  $(W)$ -property, and we have shown that  $R_1 \in P_W \setminus O_{AD}$ .

To prove Proposition 2 the following lemma is needed.

**Lemma 1** [1, Lemma 2]. Let  $R$  be a Riemann surface and  $c$  be a non-dividing 1-cycle. Then  $\|\sigma_{hse}(c)\|_R = \|\sigma_{ho}(c)\|_R$  if and only if  $\int_c^* du = 0$  holds for every  $u \in KD(R)$ .

*Proof of Proposition 2.* We construct an example of a Riemann surface  $R_2$  on which there exist non-dividing 1-cycles  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  with the property

$$\|\sigma_{hse}(c_1)\|_{R_2} = \|\sigma_{ho}(c_1)\|_{R_2}, \|\sigma_{hse}(c_2)\|_{R_2} \neq \|\sigma_{ho}(c_2)\|_{R_2}.$$

**Example 2.** We use the same notations as in Example 1. Let  $I_+$  (resp.  $I_-$ ) be a closed interval  $\left[\frac{1}{6}, \frac{1}{3}\right]$  (resp.  $\left[\frac{-1}{3}, \frac{-1}{6}\right]$ ) on  $U$ . Let  $U'$  be a Riemann surface constructed by identifying the upper edge of the slit  $I_+$  with the lower edge of the slit  $I_-$  and vice versa on  $U \setminus (I_+ \cup I_-)$ . Let  $U'_i (i = 1, 2)$  be two copies of  $U'$  and join  $U'_1$  with  $U'_2$  crosswisely along every slit  $l_{n,m}$ . This gives a two sheeted ramified covering surface  $R_2$  of  $U'$  with a natural projection map  $\pi_2$  of  $R_2$  onto  $U'$ . Then using the same arguments in the proof of Example 1.5 in [4], we can show that if  $\pi_2(p) = \pi_2(q)$ , then  $u(p) = u(q)$  for every  $u \in HD(R_2)$ . Hence we can identify  $HD(R_2)$  with  $HD(U')$ , that is for every  $u \in HD(R_2)$  there exists  $\tilde{u} \in HD(U')$  such that  $u(p) = \tilde{u} \circ \pi_2(p)$ . Since  $R_2$  has just one ideal boundary component, it holds

that  $HD(R_2) = KD(R_2)$ . By the same reason  $HD(U') = KD(U')$ .

Now we define non-dividing 1-cycles  $c_1, c_2$  as follows

$$c_1 = \left\{ \left| z \right| = \frac{11}{16} \right\} \text{ on } U'_1$$

$$c_2 = \left\{ \left| z + \frac{1}{8} \right| = \frac{1}{8}, \Re z \geq 0 \right\} \cup \left\{ \left| z - \frac{1}{8} \right| = \frac{1}{8}, \Re z \leq 0 \right\} \text{ on } U'_1.$$

First we show that  $\| \sigma_{hse}(c_1) \|_{R_2} = \| \sigma_{ho}(c_1) \|_{R_2}$ . By Lemma 1 it suffices to show that  $\int_{c_1}^* du = 0$  holds for every  $u \in KD(R_2)$ . Since  $\pi_2(c_1)$  is a dividing 1-cycle on  $U'$ , for every  $u \in KD(R_2) = HD(R_2)$

$$\int_{c_1}^* du = \int_{\pi_2(c_1)}^* d\tilde{u} = 0$$

holds. Hence we obtain that  $\| \sigma_{hse}(c_1) \|_{R_2} = \| \sigma_{ho}(c_1) \|_{R_2}$ .

To prove  $\| \sigma_{hse}(c_2) \|_{R_2} \neq \| \sigma_{ho}(c_2) \|_{R_2}$  we show that there exists  $u_0 \in KD(R_2)$  such that  $\int_{c_2}^* du_0 \neq 0$ . We know that the harmonic function  $\tilde{u}_0(z) = y$ , where  $z = x + iy \in U \setminus (l_+ \cup l_-)$ , can be extended to the harmonic function on  $U'$  again denoted by  $\tilde{u}_0$ . Set  $u_0 = \tilde{u}_0 \circ \pi_2$ . It is easily seen that  $u_0 \in KD(R_2)$  and

$$\int_{c_2}^* d\tilde{u}_0 = \int_{\pi_2(c_2)}^* d\tilde{u}_0 = \frac{1}{z}.$$

**Remark.** Marden [2] considered the condition  $\| \sigma_h(c) \|_R = \| \sigma_{ho}(c) \|_R$  and he proposed an open problem to construct a Riemann surface on which there exist non-dividing 1-cycles  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  with the condition ;

$$\| \sigma_h(c_1) \|_R = \| \sigma_{ho}(c_1) \|_R \text{ and } \| \sigma_h(c_2) \|_R \neq \| \sigma_{ho}(c_2) \|_R.$$

Since the Riemann surface  $R_2$  of Example 2 has only one ideal boundary component,  $\Gamma_h(R) = \Gamma_{hse}(R)$ . Hence this Riemann surface  $R_2$  of Example 2 is an answer to Marden's problem.

*Proof of Proposition 3.* We construct quasiconformally equivalent two Riemann surfaces, one belongs to the class  $P_w$  and the other does not belong to  $P_w$ .

**Example 3.** Let  $U_1, l_{\pm}$  and  $l_{n,m}$  the same as in Examples 1 and 2. Set

$$U_1^* = U \setminus l_+ \setminus \bigcup_{n,m} l_{n,m} \quad U_1^{**} = U_1^* \\ U_2^* = U_1^* \quad U_2^{**} = U \setminus l_- \setminus \bigcup_{n,m} l_{n,m}.$$

We obtain a Riemann surface  $R_3$  by joining  $U_1^*$  with  $U_2^*$  crosswisely along every slit  $l_{n,m}$  and  $l_+$ . This Riemann surface  $R_3$  belongs to the class  $P_w$  (cf. Example 1). We joint  $U_1^{**}$  and  $U_2^{**}$  identifying the upper edge of the slit  $l_+$  of  $U_1^{**}$  with the lower edge of the slit  $l_-$  of  $U_2^{**}$  and vice versa, and every common  $l_{n,m}$  similarly. This gives a Riemann surface  $R_4$ . We can easily find out a quasiconformal mapping of  $R_3$  onto  $R_4$ .

Now it suffices to show that there exist a non-dividing 1-cycle  $c_4$  and a harmonic function  $v_0 \in KD(R_4)$  such, that  $\int_{c_4}^* dv_0 \neq 0$ .

Let  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  be closed intervals  $\left[\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{2}\right]$  and  $\left[-\frac{1}{6}, \frac{1}{2}\right]$  on  $U_2^{**}$ . Then  $c_4 = L_1 \cup L_2$  is a non-dividing 1-cycle on  $R_4$ .

Set  $v_0(z) = y$  for  $z = x + iy \in U_1^{**} \cup U_2^{**}$ . This function  $v_0$  can be extended to be harmonic on  $R_4$ , again denoted by  $v_0$ . It is easily seen that  $v_0$  belongs to the class  $KD(R_4)$ . And we have

$$\int_{c_4}^* dv_0 = - \int_{\frac{1}{3}}^{\frac{1}{2}} dx + \int_{-\frac{1}{6}}^{\frac{1}{2}} dx = \frac{1}{2} \neq 0.$$

This completes the proof.

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