

SOME METRICAL THEOREMS ON FUCHSIAN GROUPS

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1. Let  $G$  be a Fuchsian group of linear transformations  $S_n(z)$  ( $n=0, 1, 2, \dots$ ), which make  $|z| < 1$  invariant and  $D_0$  be its fundamental domain, which contains  $z=0$  and is bounded by orthogonal circles to  $|z|=1$  and a closed set  $e_0$  on  $|z|=1$ . We remark that  $D_0$  can be so constructed that the equivalent points on the boundary of  $D_0$  are equidistant from  $z=0$  (1). Let  $z_n, D_n, e_n$  be equivalents of  $z_0=0, D_0, e_0$  respectively.

**Theorem 1.** If  $m e_0 > 0$ , then  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (1-|z_n|) < \infty$ . The converse is not true in general.

**Proof.** Since  $m e_0 > 0$ , we have  $m e_n > 0$  ( $n=0, 1, 2, \dots$ ). Let

$$u_n(z) = \int_{e_n} \frac{1-|z|^2}{|z - e^{i\theta}|^2} d\theta,$$

then  $u_n(z_n) = u(0) = m e_0$ , so that

$$m e_0 = u_n(z_n) \leq \frac{2 m e_n}{1 - |z_n|},$$

hence

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (1-|z_n|) \leq \frac{2 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} m e_n}{m e_0} \leq \frac{4\pi}{m e_0} < \infty.$$

Let  $K_1, \dots, K_n$  ( $n \geq 3$ ) be  $n$  circles on the  $w$ -plane, which lie outside each other. We invert them on any one of them indefinitely, then we obtain infinitely many circles clustering to a non-dense perfect set  $E$ . As Myrberg (2) proved,  $E$  is of positive logarithmic capacity, so that if we map the outside of  $E$  on  $|z| < 1$  by  $w = f(z)$ , then  $f(z)$  is automorphic to a certain Fuchsian group  $G$ , such that  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (1-|z_n|) < \infty$ . On the other hand, as I have proved in a former paper, (3)  $m e_0 = 0$ . Hence the converse is not true in general.

2. Let  $z$  be any point in  $|z| < 1$  and  $(z)$  be its equivalent in  $D_0$ . Let  $z = r e^{i\theta}$  ( $0 \leq r < 1$ ) be a radius through  $e^{i\theta}$ . We denote the set  $(r e^{i\theta})$  ( $0 \leq r < 1$ ) by  $E(\theta)$ . Then

**Theorem 2.** (i) If  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (1-|z_n|) < \infty$ ,

then  $\lim_{r \rightarrow 1} |(r e^{i\theta})| = 1$  for almost all  $e^{i\theta}$ . (ii) If  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (1-|z_n|) = \infty$ ,

then  $E(\theta)$  is everywhere dense in  $D_0$  for almost all  $e^{i\theta}$ .

I have proved this theorem in a former paper (4) but my proof depends on a theorem, which is false. A proof is given by Yûjôbô. (5) I will give the following proof, which is somewhat simpler than his. In the proof, we use the following lemma. (6) Let  $E_0$  be a closed set in  $D_0$ , which is of positive logarithmic capacity and  $E_n$  be its equivalents. We take off  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} E_n$  from  $|z| < 1$  and let  $\Delta$  be the remaining domain. We map  $\Delta$  on  $|\zeta| < 1$  and let  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} E_n$  be mapped on a set  $e$  on  $|\zeta| = 1$ . Then

**Lemma.** (i) If  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (1-|z_n|) < \infty$ ,

then  $0 < m e < 2\pi$ . (ii) If

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (1-|z_n|) = \infty, \text{ then } m e = 2\pi.$$

**Proof of Theorem 2;**

(i) Suppose that  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (1-|z_n|) < \infty$ ,

then the Green's function

$$G(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \log \left| \frac{1 - \bar{z}_n z}{z - z_n} \right| \quad (1)$$

exists and  $\lim_{z \rightarrow e^{i\theta}} G(z) = 0$  almost everywhere on  $|z| = 1$ , when  $z \rightarrow e^{i\theta}$  non-tangentially to  $|z| = 1$ . From this, we see that  $\lim_{r \rightarrow 1} |(r e^{i\theta})| = 1$  for almost all  $e^{i\theta}$ .

(ii) Next suppose that  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (1-|z_n|) = \infty$ . Let  $K_0$  be a disc contained in  $D_0$  and  $K_n$  be its equivalents and  $C_n$  be its boundary. We take off  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} K_n$  from  $|z| < 1$  and  $\Delta$  be the remaining domain and we take off  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} K_n$  from  $|z| < 1$  and  $\Delta_n$  be the remaining domain.

Let  $u_n(z)$  be a bounded harmonic function in  $\Delta_n$ , such that

$$\left. \begin{aligned} u_n(z) &= 0 && \text{on } \sum_{v=0}^n C_v, \\ u_n(z) &= 1 && \text{on } |z| = 1. \end{aligned} \right\} (2)$$

First we will prove that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} u_n(z) \stackrel{\text{a.e.}}{=} 0 \quad \text{in } \Delta \quad (3)$$

We map  $\Delta$  on  $|\zeta| < 1$ , then by the lemma,  $|z| = 1$  is mapped on a null set on  $|\zeta| = 1$ . Let  $\sum_{v=0}^{\infty} C_v$  be mapped on a set  $e_n$  on  $|\zeta| = 1$ , then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} m e_n = 0$ . Let  $u_n(z)$  become a harmonic function  $v_n(\zeta)$  in  $|\zeta| < 1$ , then, since  $|z| = 1$  is mapped on a null set, we have

$$v_n(z) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{e^{i\theta}} v_n(e^{i\theta}) \frac{1-|z|^2}{|z-e^{i\theta}|^2} d\theta$$

Since  $0 < v_n(e^{i\theta}) < 1$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} m e_n = 0$ , we have  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} v_n(z) = 0$ , or  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} u_n(z) = 0$  in  $\Delta$ , q.e.d.

Let  $K: |z - a_0| < r_0$  be a disc contained in  $D_0$ . For any  $0 < \rho < 1$ , let  $M(\rho)$  be the set of  $e^{i\theta}$ , such that the part of the radius  $z = re^{i\theta}$  ( $(1-\rho) < r < 1$ ) does not meet the equivalents of  $K$ . Then  $M(\rho)$  is a closed set.

Let  $K': |z - a_0| < r_0/2$ . Since the segment  $z = re^{i\theta}$  ( $(1-\rho) < r < 1$ ) does not meet the equivalents of  $K$  and the non-euclidean distance is invariant by  $S_n$ , it is easily seen that for any  $e^{i\theta} \in M(\rho)$ , its neighbourhood:

$$\Delta(e^{i\theta}, \delta): |z - e^{i\theta}| < \rho, |\arg(1 - ze^{-i\theta})| < \delta$$

does not meet the equivalents of  $K'$ , if  $\delta$  is sufficiently small, where  $\delta$  depends on  $a_0$  and  $r_0$  only.

Then by the well known way, we can construct a rectifiable Jordan curve  $\Lambda$  in  $|z| < 1$ , such that  $\Lambda$  meets  $|z| = 1$  in  $M(\rho)$  and  $\Delta(e^{i\theta}, \delta)$  is contained in  $\Lambda$  for any  $e^{i\theta} \in M(\rho)$ . We may assume that the equivalents of  $K'$  lie outside  $\Lambda$ . If  $m M(\rho) > 0$ , then there exists a bounded harmonic function  $v(z)$  in  $\Lambda$ , such that  $0 < v(z) < 1$  in  $\Lambda$ ,  $v(z) = 0$  on  $\Lambda - M(\rho)$  and  $v(z) = 1$  almost everywhere on  $M(\rho)$ . Let  $u_n(z)$  be defined as before with respect to  $K'$ , then  $0 < v(z) \leq u_n(z)$  on  $\Lambda$ , so that  $0 < v(z) \leq u_n(z)$  in  $\Lambda$ . Since by (3),  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} u_n(z) = 0$ , we have  $v(z) = 0$ , which is absurd. Hence  $m M(\rho) = 0$ .

$$\text{Let } \rho_1 > \rho_2 > \dots > \rho_n \rightarrow 0 \text{ and } M = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} M(\rho_n),$$

then  $M$  is a null set and if  $e^{i\theta}$  does not belong to  $M$ , then the radius through  $e^{i\theta}$  meets the equivalents of  $K$  infinitely often. Let  $a_n$  ( $n=1, 2, \dots$ ) be rational points in  $D_0$  and  $r_1 > r_2 > \dots > r_n \rightarrow 0$  and  $K_{m,n}: |z - a_n| < r_n$ , then there exists a null set  $M_{m,n}$  on  $|z| = 1$ , such that if  $e^{i\theta}$  does not belong to  $M_{m,n}$ , then the radius through  $e^{i\theta}$  meets the equivalents of  $K_{m,n}$  infinitely often. Hence if we put  $M = \sum_{m,n} M_{m,n}$ , then  $M$  is a null set and if  $e^{i\theta}$  does not belong to  $M$ , then  $E(\theta)$  is everywhere dense in  $D_0$ , q.e.d.

By modifying slightly the proof, we can prove

**Theorem 3.** If  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (1 - |z_n|) = \infty$ , then there exists a null set  $M$  on  $|z| = 1$ , such that if  $e^{i\theta}$  does not belong to  $M$ , then for any segment through  $e^{i\theta}$ , its equivalent in  $D_0$

is everywhere dense in  $D_0$ .

**3.** Suppose that  $D_0$  has a boundary point on  $|z| = 1$  and for any  $0 < \rho < 1$ , let  $D'_0(\rho)$  be the part of  $D_0$ , which lies in  $1 - \rho < |z| < 1$ .  $D'_0(\rho)$  consists of a finite number of connected closed domains. We consider only such connected ones, which have boundary points on  $|z| = 1$  and let  $D_0(\rho)$  be the sum of such domains and  $D_n(\rho)$  be its equivalents and put

$$\Delta(\rho) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} D_n(\rho)$$

Then  $\Delta(\rho)$  consists of a countable number of disjoint continua  $\Delta_n(\rho)$ , such that  $\Delta(\rho) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \Delta_n(\rho)$ .

Since as remarked in §1, equivalent points on the boundary of  $D_0$  are equidistant from  $z = 0$ ,  $\Delta_n(\rho)$  is bounded by Jordan arcs  $\lambda_n^k$  ( $k=0, 1, 2, \dots$ ) and a closed set  $E_n$  on  $|z| = 1$ . We put

$$E(\rho) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} E_n \quad (1)$$

$\lambda_n^k$  ends at two points  $\xi_n^k, \eta_n^k$  on  $|z| = 1$ , which are fixed points of some  $S_m$ . If  $\xi_n^k = \eta_n^k$  for one  $k$ , then  $\Delta_n(\rho)$  is bounded by a single Jordan curve, which touches  $|z| = 1$  at  $\xi_n^k = \eta_n^k$ . It is easily seen that if  $\xi_n^k \neq \eta_n^k$ , then  $\lambda_n^k$  is contained between two circular arcs  $C_n^k, C_n^{k'}$  through  $\xi_n^k, \eta_n^k$ , which meets  $|z| = 1$  with an angle  $\alpha_n^k, \alpha_n^{k'}$  respectively. Since  $\lambda_n^k$  ( $n, k=0, 1, 2, \dots$ ) can be grouped into a finite number of equivalent classes, there exists  $\alpha, \beta$  ( $0 < \alpha < \beta < \pi$ ), such that for any  $\lambda_n^k$ , for which  $\xi_n^k \neq \eta_n^k$ ,

$$\alpha \leq \alpha_n^k \leq \beta, \quad \alpha \leq \alpha_n^{k'} \leq \beta \quad (2)$$

( $n, k=0, 1, 2, \dots$ )

We will prove

**Theorem 4.** (i) If  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (1 - |z_n|) < \infty$ ,

then  $m E(\rho) = 2\pi$ . (ii) if  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (1 - |z_n|) = \infty$ , then  $m E(\rho) = 0$ . Hence if we put  $E = \lim_{\rho \rightarrow 0} E(\rho)$ , then

$$m E = 2\pi, \text{ if } \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (1 - |z_n|) < \infty, \quad (3)$$

and

$$m E = 0, \text{ if } \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (1 - |z_n|) = \infty.$$

For the proof, we use the following lemma.

**Lemma.** Let  $K$  be a circle on the  $z$ -plane, which meets a half-line  $L: \arg z = \gamma$  ( $0 < \gamma \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$ ) and the real axis at two points  $A, B$  with an angle  $\alpha > 0$ . We suppose that  $A$  lies to the right of the origin  $O$  and  $B$  lies to the right of  $A$ . Let  $M$  be

the middle point of AB. Then

$$AM \geq OM \sin \alpha \tan \frac{\gamma}{2}$$

**Proof.** First, denoting by  $r$  the radius of  $K$ , we have  $AM = r \cdot \sin \alpha$ . Next, while we change the position of  $K$  with fixed  $r$ , we see easily that  $OM$  attains its maximum, when  $K$  is inscribed in the angle between the positive real axis and  $L$  and the maximum value is  $\cot \frac{\gamma}{2}$ . Hence  $r \geq OM \cdot \tan \frac{\gamma}{2}$ , so that  $AM \geq OM \cdot \sin \alpha \cdot \tan \frac{\gamma}{2}$ . q.e.d.

#### 4. Proof of Theorem 4.

(i) First suppose that  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (1-|z_n|) < \infty$ . Then  $D_0$  has a boundary point on  $|z|=1$ , since, otherwise,  $D_0$  lies in  $|z| \leq r_0 < 1$ , so that we can prove easily that  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (1-|z_n|) = \infty$ , which contradicts the hypothesis. Let  $G(z)$  be the Green's function defined in the proof of Theorem 2, then  $\lim_{r \rightarrow 1} G(re^{i\theta}) = 0$  for almost all  $e^{i\theta}$ . Let  $e^{i\theta}$  be such a point, then, since  $G(z) \geq \alpha(\rho) > 0$  outside  $\Delta(\rho)$ , the segment  $L(\theta, \delta)$ :  $z = re^{i\theta} (1-\delta < r < 1)$  belongs to  $\Delta(\rho)$  for a sufficiently small  $\delta > 0$ . Since  $\Delta_n(\rho)$  are disjoint from each other,  $L(\theta, \delta)$  belongs to a certain  $\Delta_{n_0}(\rho)$ , so that  $e^{i\theta} \in E_{n_0}$ . Since the set of  $e^{i\theta}$  is of measure  $2\pi$ , we have  $mE(\rho) = 2\pi$ .

(ii) Next suppose that  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (1-|z_n|) = \infty$ . We will prove  $mE_n = 0$  ( $n=0, 1, 2, \dots$ ). We may assume that  $\xi_n^k \neq \eta_n^k$  for any  $k$ , since otherwise,  $E_n$  reduces to one point as remarked above. Let  $e^{i\theta}$  be a point of  $E_n$ . We divide  $E_n$  into three parts  $E_n^{(1)}$ ,  $E_n^{(2)}$ ,  $E_n^{(3)}$ , according to whether (i)  $L(\theta, \delta)$  meets  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \lambda_n^k$  for any  $\delta > 0$ , (ii)  $L(\theta, \delta)$  belongs to  $\Delta_n(\rho)$  for a value  $\delta > 0$ , or (iii)  $L(\theta, \delta)$  lies outside  $\Delta_n(\rho)$  for a value  $\delta > 0$ .

If  $e^{i\theta} \in E_n^{(1)}$  and  $\xi_n^k \neq \eta_n^k$ , then by mapping  $|z| < 1$  on the upper half  $w$ -plane, such that  $z=0, z=e^{i\theta}$  become  $w=i, w=0$  and applying the lemma with  $\gamma = \frac{\pi}{2}$ , we see that the lower density of  $E_n$  at  $e^{i\theta}$  is  $\leq 1 - \sin \alpha < 1$ , where  $\alpha$  is defined by (2). Since by Lebesgue's theorem, the density is 1 almost everywhere on  $E_n$ , we have  $mE_n^{(1)} = 0$ .

If  $e^{i\theta} \in E_n^{(2)}$ , then the equivalent of  $L(\theta, \delta)$  in  $D_0$  lies in  $1-\rho < |z| < 1$ , so that is not everywhere dense in  $D_0$ . Hence by Theorem 2,  $mE_n^{(2)} = 0$ .

If  $e^{i\theta} \in E_n^{(3)}$ , then it must coincide with one of  $\xi_n^k, \eta_n^k$ , since the complementary set of  $\Delta_n(\rho)$  with respect to  $|z| < 1$  consists of a countable number of domains, each of which is bounded by a single  $\lambda_n^k$  and an arc on  $|z|=1$ . Hence  $mE_n^{(3)} = 0$ . Thus we have proved  $mE_n = mE_n^{(1)} + mE_n^{(2)} + mE_n^{(3)} = 0$ .

hence  $mE(\rho) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} mE_n = 0$ , q.e.d.

**Remark.** By means of the lemma, we can prove similarly as the above proof, the following theorem:

Let  $D$  be a domain in  $|z| < 1$ , which is bounded by orthogonal circles to  $|z|=1$  and a closed set  $e$  on  $|z|=1$ . Then for almost all  $e^{i\theta}$  of  $e$ , its sufficiently small neighbourhood:  $|z - e^{i\theta}| < \delta = \delta(\eta)$ ,  $|\arg(1 - ze^{-i\theta})| < \frac{\pi}{2} - \eta$  is contained in  $D$  for any  $\eta > 0$ .

5. Let  $F$  be an open Riemann surface of hyperbolic type spread over the  $w$ -plane and we map  $F$  on  $|z| < 1$  by  $w = w(z)$ , then  $w(z)$  is automorphic to a Fuchsian group  $G$ . We approximate  $F$  by a sequence of Riemann surfaces  $F_n: F_1 \subset F_2 \subset \dots \subset F_n \rightarrow F$ , where  $F_n$  consists of only inner points and consists of a finite number of sheets and is bounded by a finite number of analytic Jordan curves.

Let  $\Delta_n$  be the image of  $F - F_n$  in  $|z| < 1$ , then  $\Delta_n$  consists of a countable number of connected domains  $\Delta_n^k$ . Let  $E_n^k$  be the part of the boundary of  $\Delta_n^k$ , which lies on  $|z|=1$  and let  $E_n = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} E_n^k$ . Then we call

$E = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} E_n$  the image of the ideal boundary of  $F$ . It is easily seen that  $E$  is independent of the approximating sequence  $F_n$  and coincides with the set  $E$  defined in Theorem 4.  $E$  is the set of all  $e^{i\theta}$ , such that there exists a certain curve in  $|z| < 1$  ending at  $e^{i\theta}$ , whose image curve on  $F$  tends to the ideal boundary of  $F$ . Since as Myrberg<sup>7)</sup> proved, the Green's function of  $F$  exists or not, according as  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (1-|z_n|) < \infty$ , or

$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (1-|z_n|) = \infty$ , we have

**Theorem 5.** Let  $F$  be a Riemann surface of hyperbolic type spread over the  $w$ -plane. We map  $F$  on  $|z| < 1$  and let the ideal boundary of  $F$  be mapped on a set  $E$  on  $|z|=1$ . Then  $mE = 2\pi$  or  $mE = 0$ , according as the Green's function of  $F$  exists or not.

In the case that the Green's function of  $F$  does not exist, we have  $mE_n = 0$  by Theorem 4, so that to a curve on  $F$ , which tends to the ideal boundary of  $F$ , there corresponds in  $|z| < 1$  a curve ending at a point of  $E$ , where  $mE = 0$ .

6. We will prove

**Theorem 6.** Let  $F$  be a Riemann surface spread over the  $w$ -plane, on which the Green's function does not exist. Let  $K: |w-a| < \rho$  be a disc and  $F_\rho$  be a connected piece of  $F$ , which lies above  $K$ . Then  $F_\rho$  co-

vers any point of  $K$ , except a set of logarithmic capacity zero.<sup>2)</sup>

For the proof, we use the following lemma<sup>3)</sup>.

**Lemma.** Let  $w = f(z)$  be regular and  $|f(z)| < 1$  in  $|z| < 1$ ,  $f(0) = 0$ . Let  $E$  be the set of  $e^{i\theta}$ , such that  $\lim_{r \rightarrow 1} f(re^{i\theta}) = f(e^{i\theta})$  exists and  $|f(e^{i\theta})| = 1$ , such that  $f(e^{i\theta}) = e^{i\psi}$  and  $E_*$  be the set of  $e^{i\psi}$  on  $|w|=1$ . Then  $E$  and  $E_*$  are measurable and

$$mE \leq mE_*$$

If  $0 < mE < 2\pi$ , then  $mE < mE_*$ .

## 7. Proof of Theorem 6.

(i) First suppose that  $F$  is of parabolic type. Then  $F$  is a Riemann surface of an inverse function  $z = z(w)$  of a transcendental meromorphic function  $w = w(z)$  ( $|z| < \infty$ ). We map  $F_p$  on  $|z| < 1$  by  $w = \varphi(z)$ , then by Fatou's theorem,  $\lim_{z \rightarrow e^{i\theta}} \varphi(z) = \varphi(e^{i\theta})$  exists almost everywhere on  $|z|=1$ , when  $z \rightarrow e^{i\theta}$  non-tangentially to  $|z|=1$ . Let  $E$  be the set of  $e^{i\theta}$ , such that  $|\varphi(e^{i\theta}) - \alpha| < \rho$ , then  $\varphi(e^{i\theta})$  belongs to the boundary of  $F$ , so that  $z(\varphi(z)) \rightarrow \infty$ , when  $z \rightarrow e^{i\theta}$  non-tangentially to  $|z|=1$ . Hence by Lusin-Privaloff's theorem,  $mE = 0$ , so that almost all points of  $|z|=1$  are mapped on  $|w - \alpha| = \rho$ , hence  $\varphi(z)$  belongs to the  $U$ -class in Seidel's sense, so that by a Frostman's theorem,<sup>4)</sup>  $w = \varphi(z)$  takes any value in  $K$ , except a set of logarithmic capacity zero.

(ii) Next suppose that  $F$  is of hyperbolic type. We map  $F$  on  $|z| < 1$ , then by Theorem 4, the ideal boundary of  $F$  is mapped on a null set  $M$  on  $|z|=1$ . We map  $F_p$  on  $|z| < 1$  by  $w = \varphi(z)$ , then by a Fatou's theorem,  $\lim_{z \rightarrow e^{i\theta}} \varphi(z) = \varphi(e^{i\theta})$  exists almost everywhere on  $|z|=1$ , when  $z \rightarrow e^{i\theta}$  non-tangentially to  $|z|=1$ . Let  $E$  be the set of  $e^{i\theta}$ , such that  $|\varphi(e^{i\theta}) - \alpha| < \rho$ . We will prove that  $mE = 0$ . Suppose that  $mE > 0$ , then  $E$  contains a closed sub-set  $E_0$ , such that  $mE_0 > 0$  and  $\lim_{z \rightarrow e^{i\theta}} \varphi(z) = \varphi(e^{i\theta})$  uniformly, when  $z \rightarrow e^{i\theta}$  in an angular domain  $\Delta(e^{i\theta})$ ;  $|\arg(1 - ze^{-i\theta})| < \pi/4$ . We construct a rectifiable Jordan curve  $\Lambda$  in  $|z| < 1$ , such that  $\Lambda$  meets  $|z|=1$  in  $E_0$  and for any  $e^{i\theta} \in E_0$ , its sufficiently small neighbourhood in  $\Delta(e^{i\theta})$  is contained in  $\Lambda$ . Let the inside of  $\Lambda$  be mapped on  $F_p \subset F$ . Then  $F_p'$  is mapped on a countable number of equivalent domains  $\{\Delta_n\}$  in  $|z| < 1$ . We consider one  $\Delta_0$  of them and let  $M_0$  be the part of the boundary of  $\Delta_0$ , which lies on  $|z|=1$ . Then  $M_0$  is a sub-set of  $M$ , so that  $mM_0 = 0$ . We map the inside of  $\Lambda$  on  $|x| < 1$  and let  $E_0$  be mapped on a set  $e_0$  on  $|x|=1$

Then by F. Riesz' theorem,  $m e_0 > 0$ . Then  $|x| < 1$  is mapped on  $\Delta_0$  and  $e_0$  corresponds to  $M_0$ . We may suppose that  $z=0$  lies in  $\Delta_0$  and  $z=0$  corresponds to  $x=0$ . Then by the lemma,  $m e_0 \leq mM_0 = 0$ , so that  $m e_0 = 0$ , which is absurd. Hence  $mE = 0$ . From this, we proceed similarly as (i) and we conclude that  $F$  covers any point of  $K$ , except a set of logarithmic capacity zero, q.e.d.

From Theorem 6, we have the following extension of Myrberg's theorem.<sup>1)</sup>

**Theorem 7.** Let  $F$  be a Riemann surface spread over the  $w$ -plane and  $F_p$  be a connected piece of  $F$ , which lies above a disc  $K$ ;  $|w - \alpha| < \rho$ . If  $F_p$  does not cover a set in  $K$ , which is of positive logarithmic capacity, then the Green's function of  $F$  exists.

Myrberg assumed that the boundary of  $F$  contains a sub-set, which lies in a schlicht disc and is of positive logarithmic capacity.

**8.** Let  $F$  be a Riemann surface spread over the  $w$ -plane, which consists of a finite number of sheets and the projection of its boundary on the  $w$ -plane is a closed set of logarithmic capacity zero. We will call such a  $F$  a quasi-closed Riemann surface. We can prove easily that:

On a quasi-closed Riemann surface, the Green's function does not exist.

**Proof.** Let  $\Lambda$  be the boundary of  $F$  and  $\Lambda_w$  be its projection on the  $w$ -plane, then  $\Lambda_w$  is of logarithmic capacity zero. We map  $F$  on  $|z| < 1$  by  $w = w(z)$  and let  $\Lambda$  be mapped on a set  $E$  on  $|z|=1$ . Since  $\Lambda_w$  is the cluster set of  $w = w(z)$  on  $E$ , if  $mE > 0$ , then by a theorem proved<sup>12)</sup> by the author,  $\Lambda_w$  is of logarithmic capacity positive, which is absurd. Hence  $mE = 0$ , so that by Theorem 5, the Green's function of  $F$  does not exist.

By means of Theorem 6, we can prove similarly as in the former paper<sup>13)</sup> the following theorem.

**Theorem 8.** Let  $F$  be a Riemann surface spread over the  $w$ -plane, on which the Green's function does not exist. If  $F$  is not quasi-closed, then  $F$  covers any point of the  $w$ -plane infinitely often, except a set of logarithmic capacity zero.

It was proved formerly by K. Arima<sup>14)</sup> that  $F$  covers any point of the  $w$ -plane, except a set of logarithmic capacity zero.

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