

37. On Green's Lemma.

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1. We will prove the well known Green's lemma in the following generalized form.

Theorem. Let D be a domain on the $z=x+iy$ -plane, bounded by a rectifiable curve Γ and $A(z)=A(x, y)$, $B(z)=B(x, y)$ be continuous and bounded functions of z inside D , which satisfy the following conditions:

(i) $\lim A(z)$, $\lim B(z)$ exist almost everywhere on Γ , when z tends to Γ non-tangentially.

(ii) $A(x, y_0)$ is an absolutely continuous function of x on the part of the line $y=y_0$, which lies in D , for almost all values of y_0 and $B(x_0, y)$ is an absolutely continuous function of y on the part of the line $x=x_0$, which lies in D , for almost all values of x .

(iii) $\iint_D \left(\left| \frac{\partial A}{\partial x} \right| + \left| \frac{\partial B}{\partial y} \right| \right) dx dy$ is finite.

Then

$$\iint_D \left(\frac{\partial A}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial B}{\partial y} \right) dx dy = \int_{\Gamma} \left(A(z) \frac{dy}{ds} - B(z) \frac{dx}{ds} \right) ds,$$

where ds is the arc element on Γ and the line integral around Γ is taken in the positive sense.

The extension of Green's lemma for a domain D , bounded by a rectifiable curve was first proved by W. Gross¹⁾ under the condition that $A(z)$, $B(z)$ are continuous in the closed domain $D+\Gamma$ and $\frac{\partial A}{\partial x}$, $\frac{\partial B}{\partial y}$ are continuous in D . Recently W. T. Reid²⁾ proved another extension under the condition that $A(z)$, $B(z)$ are continuous in the closed domain $D+\Gamma$ and the conditions (ii) and (iii) of our theorem.

We remark that since $A(x, y)$ is continuous, the Dini's derivatives:

$$\bar{A}_x^+(x, y) = \overline{\lim}_{h \rightarrow +0} \frac{A(x+h, y) - A(x, y)}{h},$$

$$\underline{A}_x^+(x, y) = \underline{\lim}_{h \rightarrow +0} \frac{A(x+h, y) - A(x, y)}{h}$$

are B -measurable functions of (x, y) ³⁾, so that the set E in which $\bar{A}_x^+(x, y) = \underline{A}_x^+(x, y)$ is measurable. By the condition (ii), $\frac{\partial A}{\partial x}$ exists al-

1) W. Gross: Das isoperimetrische Problem bei Doppelintegralen. Monatshefte f. Math. u. Phys. **27** (1927).

2) W. T. Reid: Green's lemma and related results. Amer. Journ. Math. **17** (1941).

3) Saks: Theory of the integral. p. 170.

most everywhere on the line $y=y_0$, hence from the measurability of E and Fubini's theorem, it follows that $\frac{\partial A}{\partial x}$ exists almost everywhere in

D and is a measurable function of (x, y) . Similarly for $\frac{\partial B}{\partial y}$.

2. To prove our theorem, we map D conformally on $|w| < 1$ by $z=z(w)=f(w)$. Let $|w| \leq r$, $|w|=r$ ($0 < r < 1$) correspond to D_r , Γ_r on the z -plane. Since Γ is rectifiable, by F. Riesz' theorem¹⁾, $f(e^{i\theta})$ is an absolutely continuous function of θ and $\lim_{r \rightarrow 1} f'(re^{i\theta})=f'(e^{i\theta})$ exists almost everywhere on $|w|=1$ and

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow 1} \int_0^{2\pi} |rf'(re^{i\theta}) - f'(e^{i\theta})| d\theta = 0. \quad (1)$$

Since on $|w|=r$, $izf'(z) = \frac{df(re^{i\theta})}{d\theta}$, we have from (1),

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow 1} \int_0^{2\pi} \left| \frac{df(re^{i\theta})}{d\theta} - \lim_{r \rightarrow 1} \frac{df(re^{i\theta})}{d\theta} \right| d\theta = 0. \quad (2)$$

Since by Fatou's theorem²⁾, $\lim_{r \rightarrow 1} \frac{df(re^{i\theta})}{d\theta} = \frac{df(e^{i\theta})}{d\theta}$, if $\frac{df(e^{i\theta})}{d\theta}$ exists, which occurs almost everywhere by the absolute continuity of $f(e^{i\theta})$, we have from (2),

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow 1} \int_0^{2\pi} \left| \frac{df(re^{i\theta})}{d\theta} - \frac{df(e^{i\theta})}{d\theta} \right| d\theta = 0. \quad (3)$$

If we put $z(re^{i\theta}) = x(re^{i\theta}) + iy(re^{i\theta})$, then from (3),

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow 1} \int_0^{2\pi} \left| \frac{dx(re^{i\theta})}{d\theta} - \frac{dx(e^{i\theta})}{d\theta} \right| d\theta = 0,$$

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow 1} \int_0^{2\pi} \left| \frac{dy(re^{i\theta})}{d\theta} - \frac{dy(e^{i\theta})}{d\theta} \right| d\theta = 0. \quad (4)$$

By Fubini's theorem and the condition (ii),

$$\begin{aligned} \iint_{D_r} \left(\frac{\partial A}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial B}{\partial y} \right) dx dy &= \int_{\Gamma_r} (A(z) dy - B(z) dx) \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} \left(A(re^{i\theta}) \frac{dy(re^{i\theta})}{d\theta} - B(re^{i\theta}) \frac{dx(re^{i\theta})}{d\theta} \right) d\theta, \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

where we put $A(z(re^{i\theta})) = A(re^{i\theta})$, $B(z(re^{i\theta})) = B(re^{i\theta})$. Since for $r \rightarrow 1$, $z(re^{i\theta})$ tends to Γ non-tangentially almost everywhere on $|w|=1$ and by F. and M. Riesz' theorem³⁾, a null set on Γ corresponds to a null

1) F. Riesz: Über die Randwerte einer analytischen Funktion. Math. Z. **18** (1923).

2) Fatou: Séries trigonométriques et séries de Taylor. Acta Math. **30** (1906).

3) F. and M. Riesz: Über die Randwerte einer analytischen Funktion. Quatrième congrès des mathématiciens scandinaves à Stockholm, 1916.

set on $|w|=1$, we have by the condition (i), $\lim_{r \rightarrow 1} A(re^{i\theta}) = A(e^{i\theta})$, $\lim_{r \rightarrow 1} B(re^{i\theta}) = B(e^{i\theta})$ exist almost everywhere on $|w|=1$. Now

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \int_0^{2\pi} \left(A(re^{i\theta}) \frac{dy(re^{i\theta})}{d\theta} - A(e^{i\theta}) \frac{dy(e^{i\theta})}{d\theta} \right) d\theta \right| \\ & \leq \int_0^{2\pi} |A(re^{i\theta})| \left| \frac{dy(re^{i\theta})}{d\theta} - \frac{dy(e^{i\theta})}{d\theta} \right| d\theta \\ & \quad + \int_0^{2\pi} |A(re^{i\theta}) - A(e^{i\theta})| \left| \frac{dy(e^{i\theta})}{d\theta} \right| d\theta \\ & \leq M \int_0^{2\pi} \left| \frac{dy(re^{i\theta})}{d\theta} - \frac{dy(e^{i\theta})}{d\theta} \right| d\theta \\ & \quad + \int_0^{2\pi} |A(re^{i\theta}) - A(e^{i\theta})| \left| \frac{dy(e^{i\theta})}{d\theta} \right| d\theta, \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

where we put $|A(z)| \leq M$ in D , so that

$$|A(re^{i\theta}) - A(e^{i\theta})| \left| \frac{dy(e^{i\theta})}{d\theta} \right| \leq 2M \left| \frac{dy(e^{i\theta})}{d\theta} \right|,$$

hence by Lebesgue's theorem,

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{r \rightarrow 1} \int_0^{2\pi} |A(re^{i\theta}) - A(e^{i\theta})| \left| \frac{dy(e^{i\theta})}{d\theta} \right| d\theta \\ & = \int_0^{2\pi} \lim_{r \rightarrow 1} |A(re^{i\theta}) - A(e^{i\theta})| \cdot \left| \frac{dy(e^{i\theta})}{d\theta} \right| d\theta = 0. \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

By (4), (6), (7), we have

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow 1} \int_0^{2\pi} A(re^{i\theta}) \frac{dy(re^{i\theta})}{d\theta} d\theta = \int_0^{2\pi} A(e^{i\theta}) \frac{dy(e^{i\theta})}{d\theta} d\theta.$$

Similarity

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow 1} \int_0^{2\pi} B(re^{i\theta}) \frac{dx(re^{i\theta})}{d\theta} d\theta = \int_0^{2\pi} B(e^{i\theta}) \frac{dx(e^{i\theta})}{d\theta} d\theta.$$

Hence we have from (5),

$$\iint_D \left(\frac{\partial A}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial B}{\partial y} \right) dx dy = \int_0^{2\pi} \left(A(e^{i\theta}) \frac{dy(e^{i\theta})}{d\theta} - B(e^{i\theta}) \frac{dx(e^{i\theta})}{d\theta} \right) d\theta. \quad (8)$$

Let s be the arc length on Γ measured from a fixed point, then by F. and M. Riesz' theorem, $\theta = \theta(s)$ is an absolutely continuous function of s , so that by changing the variable of integration from θ to s in (8), we have

$$\iint_D \left(\frac{\partial A}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial B}{\partial y} \right) dx dy = \int_{\Gamma} \left(A(z) \frac{dy}{ds} - B(z) \frac{dx}{ds} \right) ds, \quad \text{q. e. d.}$$