

67. Note on the Wiener Compactification and the H^p -Space of Harmonic Functions

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Introduction. Let R be a hyperbolic Riemann surface. We denote by $HB(R)$ (resp. $HB'(R)$) the class of all bounded harmonic (resp. quasibounded harmonic) functions on R . For p ($1 < p < \infty$), we denote by $H^p(R)$ the class of all harmonic functions u on R such that $|u|^p$ has a harmonic majorant. Then Naim [1] obtained in terms of the Martin boundary that $HB(R) \subset H^p(R) \subset HB'(R)$ for all p . On the other hand the second author [3] proved in terms of Wiener boundary that $\dim HB(R) < \infty$ implies $HB(R) = H^p(R)$ for all p . In this note we shall prove that if any two classes of $HB(R)$, $H^p(R)$ and $HB'(R)$ coincide, then we necessarily have $\dim HB(R) < \infty$. Thus we obtain that $\dim HB(R) < \infty$ if and only if $HB(R) = H^p(R)$ for some p and hence for all p . The first author wishes to express his thanks to Prof. A. Yoshikawa for valuable discussions on L^p -spaces.

1. The H^p -space of harmonic functions. Let R be a hyperbolic Riemann surface and let z_0 be a fixed point in R once for all. Let $\{R_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$ be a regular exhaustion of R such that z_0 is contained in all R_n 's. We denote by $\mu_n = \mu_{z_0}^{R_n}$ the harmonic measure on the boundary ∂R_n . Note that $\int_{\partial R_n} d\mu_n = 1$ for all n .

Definition. A harmonic function u on R belongs to $H^p(R)$, $1 \leq p < \infty$, if and only if the p -mean values

$$\|u\|_{p,n} = \left(\int_{\partial R_n} |u|^p d\mu_n \right)^{1/p}$$

are uniformly bounded in n . Set $H^\infty(R) = HB(R)$, the space of all bounded harmonic functions on R .

Theorem 1 (Naim [1]). (i) $u \in H^p(R)$, $1 \leq p < \infty$, if and only if $|u|^p$ has a harmonic majorant.

(ii) $HB(R) \subset H^p(R) \subset HB'(R)$, $1 < p < \infty$.

2. Lemma on L^p -space. Let X be a compact Hausdorff space and μ be a positive (Radon) measure on X . We denote by S_μ the support of μ . We note that $x \in X$ belongs to S_μ if and only if $\mu(V) > 0$ for any open neighborhood V of x . We denote by $L^p = L^p(X, \mu)$ the

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