

## 159. Remarks on Ninomiya's Domination Principle

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**1. Introduction.** In the  $n$ -dimensional Euclidean space  $R^n$  ( $n \geq 1$ ), the potential of a given order  $\alpha$ ,  $0 < \alpha < n$ , of a measure  $\mu$  in  $R^n$  is defined by

$$U_\alpha^\mu(x) = \int |x-y|^{\alpha-n} d\mu(y),$$

provided the integral on the right exists. The kernel  $|x-y|^{\alpha-n}$  will be called the kernel of order  $\alpha$ . Let  $\mu$  be a measure in  $R^n$ . When the integral

$$\iint |x-y|^{\alpha-n} d\mu(y) d\mu(x)$$

exists, we shall call it the  $\alpha$ -energy of  $\mu$ . We shall denote the inner capacity of a set  $A$  with respect to the kernel of order  $\alpha$  by  $C_\alpha(A)$ . A property is said to hold  $\alpha$ -p.p. on a subset  $X$  in  $R^n$ , when the property holds on  $X$  except a set  $E$  with  $C_\alpha(E) = 0$ . The measure  $\mu$  in  $R^n$  will be said to be  $\alpha$ -finite, when the potential  $U_\alpha^\mu(x)$  is defined and finite  $\alpha$ -p.p. in  $R^n$ . We shall denote the support of a measure  $\mu$  in  $R^n$  by  $S_\mu$ .

Ninomiya [3] proved the following domination principle.

In  $R^n$  ( $n \geq 3$ ), let  $\alpha$  be a positive number such that  $0 < \alpha \leq 2$ , let  $\mu$  be a positive measure with compact support such that the  $\alpha$ -energy is finite, and let  $\nu$  be a positive measure in  $R^n$ . If

$$U_\alpha^\mu(x) \leq U_\alpha^\nu(x) \quad \text{on } S_\mu,$$

then

$$U_\beta^\mu(x) \leq U_\beta^\nu(x) \quad \text{in } R^n$$

for any  $\beta$  such that  $\alpha \leq \beta < n$ .

He proved that the same domination principle is valid in  $R^2$  if  $0 < \alpha \leq 1$ . In this paper, we shall prove Ninomiya's domination principle in a possibly general form.

**2. Ninomiya's domination principle. Lemma.<sup>1)</sup>** In  $R^n$  ( $n \geq 1$ ), let  $\alpha$  be a positive number such that  $0 < \alpha \leq 2$ ,  $0 < \alpha < 2$  or  $0 < \alpha < 1$  according to  $n \geq 3$ ,  $n = 2$  or  $n = 1$ . Then the kernel of order  $\alpha$  satisfies the balayage principle with respect to the kernel of order  $\beta$  for any  $\beta$  such that  $\alpha \leq \beta < n$ , namely, for any  $p$  in  $R^n$  and any closed set  $F$ , there exists a positive measure  $\lambda$ , supported by  $F$ , such that

$$U_\alpha^\lambda(x) = |x-p|^{\beta-n} \quad \alpha\text{-p.p. on } F,$$

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1) Ninomiya (Theorem 2 in [3]) showed this when  $n \geq 3$  and  $F$  is compact.