

155. Dirichlet Problem on Riemann Surfaces. I

(Correspondence of Boundaries)

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Let \underline{R} be an open abstract Riemann surface and let $\{\underline{R}_n\}$ ($n=1, 2, \dots$) be an exhaustion with compact relative boundaries $\{\partial \underline{R}_n\}$.¹⁾ Then $\underline{R}-\underline{R}_n$ is composed of a finite number of disjoint non compact subsurfaces $\{G_n^i\}$ ($i=1, 2, \dots, i_n; n=1, 2, \dots$). Let $\{G_n^i\}$ be a sequence of non compact surfaces such that $G_n^i \supset G_{n+1}^{i'} \dots, \bigcap_n G_n^i = 0$. Two sequences $\{G_n^i\}$ and $\{G_m^{i'}\}$ are called equivalent, if and only if, for any given number m , there exists a number n such that $G_m^{i'} \supset G_n^i$ and vice versa. We correspond an ideal point (component) to a class of equivalent sequences and denote the set of all ideal boundary points by B . A topology is introduced on $\underline{R}+B$ by the completion of \underline{R} . It is clear that $\underline{R}+B$ is closed, compact and that B is totally disconnected. This topology restricted in \underline{R} is homeomorphic to the original topology. We call this topology A -topology and denote $\underline{R}+B$ by $\underline{R}^{*2)}$.

Let R be an abstract Riemann surface given as a covering surface over \underline{R} . We define the distance of two points p_1 and p_2 of R by $\inf(\delta(p_1, p_2))$, where $\delta(p_1, p_2)$ is the diameter of the projection of a curve on R connecting p_1 and p_2 , and define the accessible boundary points of R by the completion of R with respect to this metric. When a continuous curve L on R converges to the boundary of R and the projection of L on \underline{R} tends to a point of \underline{R}^* , we say that L determines an accessible boundary point (abbreviated to A.B.P.). It is well known that these two definitions are equivalent.

In this paper we suppose that \underline{R} is a null-boundary Riemann surface.

Lemma 1.1. Let R be a covering surface over \underline{R} , let $z=f(z)$ ($z \in \underline{R}, z \in R$) be the mapping function from R into \underline{R} and let L be a curve on R which determines an A.B.P. whose projection on B is z_0 . Suppose that R does not cover a subset of positive capacity of \underline{R} . We map the universal covering surface R^∞ conformally onto the unit circle $U_\xi: |\xi| < 1$ by $\xi = \varphi(z)$. If the image $l^3)$ of L in U_ξ tends to a point ξ_0 on $|\xi|=1$, then the composed function $z=f(\varphi^{-1}(\xi))$ has the

1) Though this paper, we denote a relative boundary of G by ∂G .

2) It is clear that a metric introduced in A -topology.

3) In this case, it is proved that l does not oscillate.