

Mass Distributions on the Ideal Boundaries of Abstract Riemann Surfaces, III

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In the previous paper we defined a function $N(z, p)$ and ideal boundary points and studied some properties of superharmonic functions in $\bar{R}$, but the mass distributions are only slightly discussed. In the present article, we rewrite pages from 174 to 176 of II¹⁾ in more precise form and continue the previous work. We use the same notations and definitions as in II.

Theorem 1. *Let p be a minimal point and $v(p)$ be a neighbourhood of p . Let $V^M(z)$ be a harmonic function in $v(p)$ such that $V^M(z) = \min(M, N(z, p))$ on $\partial v(p)$ and $V^M(z)$ has M.D.I. over $v(p)$. Put $V(z) = \lim_{M \rightarrow M'} V^M(z) : M' = \sup N(z, p)$. Then $N(z, p) - V(z) = N'(z, p) > 0$ and $N'(z, p)$ has the same properties as $N(z, p)$.*

Suppose $\sup N(z, p) = \infty$, i.e. p is of capacity zero. Assume $V(z) \equiv N(z, p)$. Then $N(z, p) = \int_{\bar{R} - v(p)} N(z, q) d\mu(q)$. Since $N(z, p)$ is harmonic in R , $V(z) = \int_{B - v(p)} N(z, q) d\mu(q)$. If μ is a point mass, $N(z, p) = N(z, q) : q \notin v(p)$, which implies $p = q \notin v(p)$. This is a contradiction. Hence μ is not a point mass. Therefore there exist two positive mass distributions μ_1 and μ_2 such that $\mu = \mu_1 + \mu_2$ and both $V_1(z) = \int N(z, q) d\mu_1(q)$ and $V_2(z) = \int N(z, q) d\mu_2(q)$ are not multiples of $N(z, p)$. Because, if every μ_i presents a multiple of $N(z, p)$ and whose kernel k_i tends to a point $q \notin v(p)$. Then $\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\mu_i}{\text{total mass of } \mu_i}$ represents $N(z, p) = N(z, q) : q \notin v(p)$. This is also a contradiction. Therefore $N(z, p) - V_1(z) (> 0)$ and $V_1(z) (> 0)$ are superharmonic in $\bar{R}$, whence $N(z, p)$ is not minimal. Hence $V(z) < N(z, p)$. Next we show that $V(z)$ has no mass at p in any canonical mass distribution²⁾. To the contrary, suppose $V(z)$ has a positive mass at p . Then

1) Z. Kuramochi: Mass distributions on the ideal boundaries, II. Osaka Math. Jour., 8, 1956.

2) At present we cannot prove the uniqueness of canonical mass distributions.