

174. Dirichlet Problem on Riemann Surfaces. III (Types of Covering Surfaces)

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Let \underline{R} be a null-boundary Riemann surface and let R be a positive boundary Riemann surface given as a covering surface.

1) If $\mu(R, \mathfrak{A}(R, \underline{R}^*))=1$, we call R a covering surface of D -type over \underline{R} .

2) We map R^∞ onto the unit-circle $U_\xi: |\xi| < 1$ conformally. If the composed function $z=z(\xi): U_\xi \rightarrow R \rightarrow \underline{R}^*$ has angular limits with respect to \underline{R} almost everywhere on $|\xi|=1$. We call R a covering surface of F -type over \underline{R} .

3) Let $T(r)$ be the characteristic function of the mapping $R \rightarrow \underline{R}$. If $T(r)$ is bounded, we say, R is a covering surface of bounded type. By Theorem 1.1, it is easy to see that we have

Bounded type $\xrightarrow{1)}$ F -type $\rightarrow D$ -type, and that F -type implies $\mu(R^\infty, \mathfrak{A}(R^\infty, \underline{R}^*))=1$. If the universal covering surface of the projection of R is hyperbolic, $\mu(R^\infty, \mathfrak{A}(R^\infty, \underline{R}^*))=1$ implies that R is a covering surface of F -type, because $\mu(R^\infty, \mathfrak{A}(R^\infty, B)) \stackrel{2)}$ $=0$.

Let \hat{R} be a covering surface over R . In the following, we investigate the relations between Riemann surface \hat{R} and R . By Theorem 1.1 we have at once the following

Theorem 3.1. *If R is a covering surface of bounded type, then \hat{R} is also of bounded type relative to \underline{R} .*

Theorem 3.2. *Let R be a covering surface such that the universal covering surface of the projection \underline{R}^∞ of R is hyperbolic. We map $\underline{R}^\infty, R^\infty$ and \hat{R}^∞ conformally onto the unit-circles $U_\xi: |\xi| < 1, U_\eta: |\eta| < 1$ and $U_\zeta: |\zeta| < 1$ respectively. Let $\eta=\eta(\zeta), \xi=\xi(\zeta)$ and $\xi=\xi(\eta)$ be mappings $U_\zeta \rightarrow U_\eta, U_\zeta \rightarrow U_\xi$ and $U_\zeta \rightarrow U_\xi$ respectively. Then we have*

$$\mu(\hat{R}, \mathfrak{A}(\hat{R}, \underline{R}^*)) \geq \mu(R^\infty, \mathfrak{A}(R^\infty, \underline{R}^*)).$$

Proof. Since $\mu(\underline{R}^\infty, \mathfrak{A}(\underline{R}^\infty, B)) = \mu(R^\infty, \mathfrak{A}(R^\infty, B)) = \mu(\hat{R}^\infty, \mathfrak{A}(\hat{R}^\infty, B)) = 0$ without loss of generality, we can suppose that every A.B.P. lies on \underline{R} . Let A_η and A_ζ be images of $\mathfrak{A}(R^\infty, \underline{R})$ and $\mathfrak{A}(\hat{R}^\infty, \underline{R})$ respectively, and let ${}_\eta S_\zeta, {}_\xi S_\zeta$ and ${}_\xi S_\eta$ be the sets where the corresponding functions

1) \rightarrow means implication.

2) Measure of a set of A.B.P.'s of R^∞ with projections on the ideal boundary B of \underline{R} .

have angular limits on $\bar{U}_\eta: |\eta| \leq 1$, $\bar{U}_\zeta: |\zeta| \leq 1$ and $\bar{U}_\eta: |\eta| \leq 1$ respectively. Then $\text{mes}_\eta S_\zeta = \text{mes}_\xi S_\zeta = \text{mes}_\xi S_\eta = 2\pi$. Take a point $\zeta_0 \in (\xi S_\zeta \cap \eta S_\zeta \cap CA_\zeta)$ and let l_{ζ_0} be the radius terminating at ζ_0 , where CA_ζ is the complementary set of A_ζ with respect to the circumference of U_ζ . If l_η , the projection of l_{ζ_0} on U_η , tends to a point $\eta_0: |\eta_0| < 1$, l_η determines an A.B.P., whence $\zeta_0 \in A_\zeta$. This is absurd. Next, assume that l_η converges to an arc γ on $|\eta|=1$ such that $\gamma \cap A_\eta \neq \emptyset$. Take a point $\eta_0 \in A_\eta$ and let l' be the radius terminating at η_0 . Then l_η intersects l' infinitely many times. It follows that l_η determines an A.B.P. angularly, because the image l'_ξ on U_ξ of l_η and the image l'_ξ of l' tends to the same point ξ_0 in U_ξ . Thus $\zeta_0 \in A_\zeta$. Suppose l'_η intersects an angular domain $A_\eta(\theta)$: $|\arg(1 - e^{-i\theta}\eta)| < \frac{\pi}{2} - \delta$, $e^{-i\theta} \in A_\eta$ infinitely many times, then we have also that $\zeta_0 \in A_\zeta$. Hence, if ζ tends in an angular domain $A_\zeta(\theta)$ at every point of $CA_\zeta \cap \xi S_\zeta \cap \eta S_\zeta$, $\eta = \eta(\zeta)$ tends to $CA_\eta + C_\xi S_\eta$ or tends to A_ζ tangentially. Let $F(\zeta)$ and $F(\eta)$ be closed subsets in $CA_\zeta \cap \xi S_\zeta \cap \eta S_\zeta$ and in A_η respectively, and let $D_\delta(F(\zeta))$ and $D_\delta(F(\eta))$ be domains such that $D_\delta(F(\zeta))$ and $D_\delta(F(\eta))$ contain angular endparts: $\arg|1 - e^{-i\theta}\zeta| < \frac{\pi}{2} - \delta$, $e^{i\theta} \in F(\zeta)$ and $\arg|1 - e^{-i\theta}\eta| < \frac{\pi}{2} - \delta$, $e^{i\theta} \in F(\eta)$ respectively and let $C'_r(\zeta)$ and $C'_r(\eta)$ be the rings such that $r < |\zeta| < 1$ and $r < |\eta| < 1$ ($r < 1$). From above consideration, since $\xi = \xi(\eta)$ has angular limits in U_ξ at every point of A_η . There exists a subset $A_{\eta,n}$ of A_η such that angular limits at $A_{\eta,n}$ are contained in $|\xi| < 1 - \frac{1}{n}$ and $\text{mes}|A_\eta - A_{\eta,n}| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$. Therefore there exists a closed subset $F(\eta)$ of $A_{\eta,n}$ and r , for δ , such that $\text{mes}|A_{\eta,n} - F(\eta)| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$ and if $\eta \in (D_\delta(F(\eta)) \cap C'_r(\eta))$, then $|\xi(\eta)| < 1 - \frac{1}{2n}$. On the other hand since $\xi = \xi(\zeta)$ has angular limits at every point $CA_\zeta \cap \xi S_\zeta$ which lie on $|\xi|=1$, there exist r' and a closed subset $F(\zeta)$ of CA_ζ such that $\text{mes}|CA_\zeta - F(\zeta)| < \varepsilon$ and if $\zeta \in (D_\delta(F(\zeta)) \cap C'_{r'}(\zeta))$, then $\eta = \eta(\zeta) \notin D_\delta(F(\eta))$. Denote by $C_r(\eta)$ a circle such that $|\eta| < r$ ($r < 1$) and let $v(\eta)$ be a continuous super-harmonic function in U_η such that $v(\eta)$ is harmonic in $D_\delta(F(\eta)) \cup C_r(\eta)$, $v(\eta) = 1$ on the boundary of $(D_\delta(F(\eta)) \cup C_r(\eta))$ not lying on $|\eta|=1$, $v(\eta) \equiv 1$ on $U_\eta - (D_\delta(F(\eta)) \cup C_r(\eta))$ and $v(\eta) = 0$ on the boundary of $((D_\delta(F(\eta)) \cup C_r(\eta))$ lying on $|\eta|=1$. Consider $v(\eta)$ on $C_{r'}(\zeta) \cup D_\delta(F(\zeta))$, then $v(\zeta) = v(\eta)$ is a function such that $\lim v(\zeta) = 1$ when ζ tends to $F(\zeta)$. Since the boundary of $(C'_{r'}(\zeta) \cup D_\delta(F(\zeta)))$ is rectifiable and we can take δ arbitrarily, we have $\mu(U_\zeta, F(\zeta)) \leq \mu(U_\eta, CF(\eta))$, where $\mu(U_\zeta, F(\zeta))$ and $\mu(U_\eta, CF(\eta))$ are the lower envelopes of $\{v(\zeta)\}$ which are the class of continuous super-harmonic

functions in $D_\delta(F(\zeta))$ such that $0 \leq v(\zeta) \leq 1$ and $\lim v(\zeta) = 1$, when ζ tends to $F(\zeta)$ and of $\{v(\eta)\}$ respectively. Let $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$. Then we have $\omega(U_\zeta, CA_\zeta) \leq \omega(U_\eta, CA_\eta)$. Since A_ζ and A_η are measurable,

$$\mu(\hat{R}, \mathfrak{A}(\hat{R}, \underline{R}^*)) \geq \mu(R^\infty, \mathfrak{A}(R^\infty, \underline{R}^*)).$$

Corollary. *If the universal covering surface of the projection of R is hyperbolic and R is of F -type, then \hat{R} is also of F -type over \underline{R}^* , where \hat{R} is a covering surface over R .*

If the universal covering surface of the projection \underline{R}' of R is parabolic, remove a finite number of point $p_i (i=1, 2, \dots, n)$ so that $(\underline{R}' - \sum_{i=1}^n p_i)^\infty$ may be hyperbolic. Let \hat{R} be a covering surface R and let $p_{ij} (j=1, 2, \dots)$ be points of R lying on p_i and $p_{ijk} (k=1, 2, \dots)$ be points of \hat{R} lying on p_{ij} . Put $\tilde{R} = R - \sum_{ij} p_{ij}$ and $\tilde{\hat{R}} = \hat{R} - \sum_{ijk} p_{ijk}$. We map $R^\infty, \hat{R}, \tilde{R}$ and $\tilde{\hat{R}}$ and $(\underline{R}' - \sum_{i=1}^n p_i)^\infty$ onto $U_\eta: |\eta| < 1, U_{\tilde{\eta}}: |\tilde{\eta}| < 1, U_\zeta: |\zeta| < 1, U_{\tilde{\zeta}}: |\tilde{\zeta}| < 1$ and $U_\xi: |\xi| < 1$ conformally respectively. Let $A_{\tilde{\eta}}$ and A_ζ be images of A.B.P.'s of $\tilde{\hat{R}}$ and \hat{R} .

Theorem 3.3. *Let R be a positive boundary Riemann surface. If R covers p_i so few times that $\sum G(z, p_{ij}) < \infty$ and if*

$$\mu(R^\infty, \mathfrak{A}(R^\infty, \underline{R}^*)) = \mu(\hat{R}, \mathfrak{A}(\hat{R}, \underline{R}^*)) = \omega(U_{\tilde{\eta}}, A_{\tilde{\eta}}),$$

then for every covering surface \hat{R} over R ,

$$\mu(\hat{R}, \mathfrak{A}(\hat{R}, \underline{R}^*)) = \mu(\tilde{\hat{R}}, \mathfrak{A}(\tilde{\hat{R}}, \underline{R}^*)) = \omega(U_\zeta, A_\zeta),$$

where $G(z, p_{ij})$ is the Green's function of R with pole at p_{ij} .

Proof. 1) As to \hat{R} and $\tilde{\hat{R}}$, let \hat{A}_i and $\tilde{\hat{A}}_i$ be the images of A.B.P.'s with projection on R of \hat{R} and $\tilde{\hat{R}}$ respectively. Then \hat{A}_i and $\tilde{\hat{A}}_i$ are Borel sets and $\eta = \eta(\zeta)$ and $\tilde{\eta} = \tilde{\eta}(\tilde{\zeta})$ have angular limits contained in U_η at every points of \hat{A}_i and $\tilde{\hat{A}}_i$. Let $\{\eta_{ijs}\}$ ($s=1, 2, \dots$) be images of p_{ij} in U_η and let $\{\zeta_{ijkt}\}$ ($t=1, 2, \dots$) be images of p_{ijk} in U_ζ . Since $\sum_{ijk} G(\hat{z}, p_{ijk}) \leq \sum_{ij} G(z, p_{ij}) < \infty, \infty > \sum \log \left| \frac{1 - \eta \overline{\eta_{ijs}}}{\eta - \eta_{ijs}} \right| \geq \sum \log \left| \frac{1 - \tilde{\zeta}_{ijkt} \zeta}{\zeta - \zeta_{ijkt}} \right|$ and $\sum (1 - |\zeta_{ijkt}|) < \infty$, where $G(\hat{z}, p_{ijk})$ is the Green's function of \hat{R} with pole at p_{ijk} .

Let l and l' be paths in \hat{R} and $\tilde{\hat{R}}$ determining an A.B.P. not lying on p_{ij} and not lying on p_{ijk} respectively. Since we can deform l and l' as little as we please, we can suppose that the projection of l and l' do not pass p_{ij} .

2) Let $\tilde{\hat{A}}_i$ be the image of A.B.P.'s of $\tilde{\hat{R}}$ whose projection lie

on p_{ij} of R . Since $\sum_{i,j} G(z, p_{ij}) < \infty$, $\mu(\tilde{R}, \mathfrak{U}(\tilde{R}, \sum p_{ij})) = 0$. We consider only A.B.P.'s not lying on p_{ij} . Since \tilde{R} and \hat{R} are covering surfaces, we can consider \hat{A}_i and \tilde{A}_i the images of A.B.P.'s of \hat{R} and \tilde{R} lying in U_ζ . Hence \hat{A}_i and \tilde{A}_i are Borel sets. Since \tilde{R} is the universal covering surface of $(U_\zeta - \sum \zeta_{ijk})$,

$$\omega(U_\zeta, \hat{A}_i) = \mu(\hat{R}, \mathfrak{U}(\hat{R}, R)) \geq \mu(\tilde{R}, \mathfrak{U}(\tilde{R}, R)) = \omega(U_\zeta, \tilde{A}_i).$$

Since $\mu(\tilde{R}, \mathfrak{U}(\tilde{R}, R))$ is harmonic in \tilde{R} , $\mu(\hat{R}, \mathfrak{U}(\hat{R}, R))$ is a single valued harmonic function in U_ζ . We denote by E_λ the set on $|\zeta|=1$ where $\mu(\tilde{R}, \mathfrak{U}(\tilde{R}, R))$ has angular limits λ ($\lambda < 1$). We show $\text{mes}(\hat{A}_i \cap E_\lambda) = 0$. Denote the radial segments from ζ_{ijk} to $|\zeta|=1$ by S_{ijk} and put $(U_\zeta - \sum_{i,j,k} S_{ijk}) = U'_\zeta$. Then U'_ζ is a simply connected domain with a rectifiable boundary. Consider the function $\zeta = \zeta(\zeta)$. Then the inverse function $\tilde{\zeta} = \tilde{\zeta}(\zeta)$ is also single valued and U'_ζ is mapped into $U_{\tilde{\zeta}}$ conformally such that the image of U'_ζ covers $U_{\tilde{\zeta}}$ at most once. Let l_ζ be a radial path in U'_ζ terminating at \hat{A}_i and let $l_{\tilde{\zeta}}$ be the image in $U_{\tilde{\zeta}}$ of l_ζ . Then $l_{\tilde{\zeta}}$ is a path determining an A.B.P. lying on R . Hence $l_{\tilde{\zeta}}$ tends to a point in \tilde{A}_i . Let \tilde{A}'_i be the set of points which is an endpoint of $l_{\tilde{\zeta}}$ above-mentioned. Then $\tilde{A}'_i (\subset \tilde{A}_i)$ is an analytic set. Since $\mu(\tilde{R}, \mathfrak{U}(\tilde{R}, R))$ has limit λ along l_ζ when ζ tends to $\hat{A}_i \cap E_\lambda$, $\mu(\tilde{R}, \mathfrak{U}(\tilde{R}, R))$ has limit λ along the image $l_{\tilde{\zeta}}$ of l_ζ . Hence at every point of the image $(\hat{A}_i \cap E_\lambda)$ of $(\hat{A}_i \cap E_\lambda)$ $\mu(\hat{R}, \mathfrak{U}(\hat{R}, R))$ has angular limits smaller than 1. Since $\mu(\tilde{R}, \mathfrak{U}(\tilde{R}, R)) = \omega(U_\zeta, \tilde{A}_i)$, $\text{mes}(\hat{A}_i \cap E_\lambda) = 0$. On the other hand, we map U'_ζ ont $|\zeta'| < 1$. Then $|\zeta'| < 1$ is a covering surface over $U_{\tilde{\zeta}}$, and $(\hat{A}_i \cap E_\lambda)$ is transformed to a set $(\hat{A}_i \cap E_\lambda)'$ on $|\zeta'| = 1$. Then by Löwner's lemma, $\text{mes}(\hat{A}_i \cap E_\lambda)' \leq \text{mes}(\hat{A}_i \cap E_\lambda) = 0$. Since the boundary of U'_ζ is rectifiable, $\text{mes}(\hat{A}_i \cap E_\lambda) = 0$. Hence $\mu(\hat{R}, \mathfrak{U}(\hat{R}, R))$ has angular limits 1 almost everywhere on \hat{A}_i . Thus $\mu(\hat{R}, \mathfrak{U}(\hat{R}, R)) \leq \mu(\tilde{R}, \mathfrak{U}(\tilde{R}, R))$ and $\mu(\hat{R}, \mathfrak{U}(\hat{R}, R)) = \mu(\tilde{R}, \mathfrak{U}(\tilde{R}, R))$.

Consider $\mu(\tilde{R}, \mathfrak{U}(\tilde{R}, R^*))$ on \tilde{R} . Denote by \tilde{A} the set on $|\zeta|=1$ where at least one curve determining an A.B.P. terminates and by $\tilde{C}\tilde{A}$ its complement. We show $\mu(\tilde{R}, \mathfrak{U}(\tilde{R}, R^*))$ has angular limits 0 almost everywhere $\tilde{C}\tilde{A}$. Assume there exists a set \tilde{E}_s of

positive measure contained in $C\tilde{A}$ where $\mu(\tilde{R}, \mathfrak{U}(\tilde{R}, \underline{R}^*))$ has angular limits $\delta(\delta > 0)$. Consider the mapping function $\xi = \xi(\zeta)$, $\eta = \eta(\zeta)$ and denote by ${}_v S_\zeta$ and by ${}_v S_\zeta$ the sets of point such that the corresponding functions $\xi = \xi(\zeta)$ and $\eta = \eta(\zeta)$ have angular limits on $|\xi| \leq 1$ and $|\eta| \leq 1$ respectively. On the other hand let \tilde{A}_η^n be the set of \tilde{A}_η , images of A.B.P.'s of \tilde{R}^∞ whose projection is contained in $|\xi| < 1 - \frac{1}{n}$. Then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |\text{mes}(\tilde{A}_\eta - \tilde{A}_\eta^n)| = 0$. Let l_ζ be a Stolz's path terminating at \tilde{E}_s and let l_η be its image. Then we see l_ζ terminates at A_η tangentially or CA_η (Theorem 3.2). But since $\mu(\tilde{R}, \mathfrak{U}(\tilde{R}, \underline{R}^*))$ has limits δ along l_η , l_η does not tend to a point where $\mu(\tilde{R}, \mathfrak{U}(\tilde{R}, \underline{R}^*))$ has angular limits 0. Therefore l_η tends to the set \tilde{E}_λ where $\mu(\tilde{R}, \mathfrak{U}(\tilde{R}, \underline{R}^*))$ has angular limits $\lambda(0 < \lambda < 1)$ or to the set where $\mu(\tilde{R}, \mathfrak{U}(\tilde{R}, \underline{R}^*)) = 1$ tangentially. Now since $\text{mes}|E_\lambda \cap CA_\eta| = 0$ and by Löwner's lemma, we have $\text{mes}|\tilde{E}_s| = 0$. Hence $\mu(\tilde{R}, \mathfrak{U}(\tilde{R}, \underline{R}^*)) \geq \mu(\tilde{R}, \mathfrak{U}(\tilde{R}, \underline{R}^*))$. Let A_ζ^b be the set on $|\zeta| = 1$ where at least one curve determining an A.B.P. not lying on R . Then A_ζ^b is measurable and

$$\mu(\tilde{R}, \mathfrak{U}(\tilde{R}, \underline{R}^*)) = \omega(U_\zeta, \tilde{A}_i) + \omega(U_\zeta, A_\zeta^b) \geq \mu(\tilde{R}, \mathfrak{U}(\tilde{R}, R)).$$

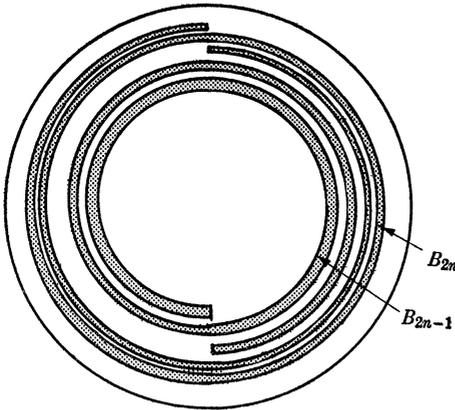
But $\mu(\tilde{R}, \mathfrak{U}(\tilde{R}, \underline{R}^*)) \geq 0$ on \tilde{A}_i where $\omega(U_\zeta, \tilde{A}_i) = 1$ almost everywhere. Hence $\mu(\tilde{R}, \mathfrak{U}(\tilde{R}, \underline{R}^*))$ has the same angular limits as $\text{Min}[1, \mu(\hat{R}, \mathfrak{U}(\hat{R}, \underline{R}^*)) + \mu(\tilde{R}, \mathfrak{U}(\tilde{R}, R))]$. Since \hat{R} is a covering surface over R^∞ , $\mu(\hat{R}, \mathfrak{U}(\hat{R}, \underline{R}^*)) \leq \text{Min}[1, \mu(R^\infty, \mathfrak{U}(R^\infty, \underline{R}^*)) + \mu(\hat{R}, \mathfrak{U}(\hat{R}, R))]$. On the other hand by assumption $\mu(\tilde{R}, \mathfrak{U}(\tilde{R}, \underline{R}^*)) = \mu(R^\infty, \mathfrak{U}(R^\infty, \underline{R}^*)) = \omega(U_\zeta, A_\zeta^b)$ and by 2) $\mu(\hat{R}, \mathfrak{U}(\hat{R}, R)) = \mu(\tilde{R}, \mathfrak{U}(\tilde{R}, R))$. Thus we have $\mu(\tilde{R}, \mathfrak{U}(\tilde{R}, \underline{R}^*)) \geq \mu(\hat{R}, \mathfrak{U}(\hat{R}, \underline{R}^*))$. The inverse inequality is clear, because \hat{R} is a covering surface over \tilde{R} . Therefore

$$\mu(\hat{R}, \mathfrak{U}(\hat{R}, \underline{R}^*)) = \mu(\tilde{R}, \mathfrak{U}(\tilde{R}, \underline{R}^*)).$$

We show that the D -typeness of R does not necessarily imply the D -typeness of \hat{R} by an example.

Example. Let $\{B_{2n}, B_{2n+1}\}$ be domains shown in the figure and construct a holomorphic function of the same kind as in example in "Dirichlet Problem. II". Remove from the unit-circle all the points such that $f(z) = 0, 1$, or 2 and let R be the remaining surface. Then

$$1 = \mu(R, \mathfrak{U}(R, \underline{R}^*)) > \mu(R^\infty, \mathfrak{U}(R^\infty, \underline{R}^*)).$$



If we consider R^∞ as a covering surface \hat{R} over R , we see that \hat{R} is not of D -type, but R is a covering surface of D -type.

From the results obtained till now, we see that the measure $\mu(R^\infty, \mathfrak{U}(R^\infty, \underline{R}^*))$ under the condition that the universal covering surface of the projection of R is hyperbolic, depend on the size of $\mathfrak{U}(R, \underline{R}^*)$.

The B -typeness and F -typeness

depend also on it. Hence theorems 1, 2 and 3 will be natural. On the other hand $\mu(R, \mathfrak{U}(R, \underline{R}^*))$ and D -typeness of R depend not only the size of $\mathfrak{U}(R, \underline{R}^*)$ but on the structure of R and $\mathfrak{U}(R, \underline{R}^*)$, i.e. the class of super-harmonic function $\{v(z)\}$ defining $\mu(R, \mathfrak{U}(R, \underline{R}^*))$. The class is so small that we may have $\mu(R, \mathfrak{U}(R, \underline{R}^*))=1$ on some complicated Riemann surface. Therefore the possibility of the fact that the D -typeness of R does not yield the D -typeness of \hat{R} will be understood.