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## On Covering Property of Abstract Riemann Surfaces

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Let  $R$  be an abstract Riemann surface of finite genus belonging to the class  $O_{AB}$ , then it is well known that any covering surface on the  $w$ -plane, defined by a non-constant analytic function on  $R$  covers any point except at most a null-set, that is, the boundary of the surface of  $O_{AB}$  on the  $w$ -plane. In this paper we shall study Iversen's and Gross's property, but at present what we can prove is only that a subclass of  $O_{AB}$  has Iversen's property, thus the validity of Iversen's property of  $O_{AB}$  is an open problem.

1) We suppose a conformal metric is given on  $R$ , of which a line element is given by the local parameter  $ds = \lambda(t)|dt|$ , and let  $O$  be a fixed point of  $R$ . Denote by  $D_\rho$  the domain bounded by the point set having a distance  $\rho : \rho < \infty$  from  $O$ , and suppose for  $\rho < \infty$  that the domain  $D_\rho$  is compact,  $\lim_{\rho \rightarrow \infty} D_\rho = R$ , the boundary  $\Gamma_\rho$  of  $D_\rho$  is composed of  $n(\rho)$  components,  $r_1, r_2, \dots, r_n$ , and that  $\Lambda(\rho)$  is the largest length of  $r_k$  ( $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ):

$$l_k = \int_{r_k} ds, \quad \Lambda(\rho) = \max_k l_k.$$

$$\text{Put} \quad N(\rho) = \max_{\rho' \leq \rho} n(\rho').$$

Pfluger proved<sup>(1)</sup> that if

$$\limsup_{\rho \rightarrow \infty} \left[ 4\pi \int_{\rho_0}^{\rho} \frac{d\rho}{\Lambda(\rho)} - \log N(\rho) \right] = \infty,$$

then  $R \in O_{AB}$ .

**Theorem 1.** *If*

$$\limsup_{\rho \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \pi \int_{\rho_0}^{\rho} \frac{d\rho}{\Lambda(\rho)} - \log N(\rho) \right] = \infty \quad (\text{genus of } R \leq \infty),$$

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1) A. Pfluger: Sur l'existence de fonctions non constantes, analytiques, uniformes et bornées sur une surface de Riemann ouverte, C. R. Acad. Sci. Paris, 230, 1950, pp. 166-168,

then every connected piece of  $R$  over  $|w-w_0| < S$ , covers every points except at most the null-set  ${}^{(2)}E_{AB}$ , which is the boundary set of a domain of  $O_{AB}$  on the  $w$ -plane.

Proof. If there exists a lacunary set  $E$ , which is being clearly closed, not contained in  $E_{AB}$  in  $|w-w_0| < S$ , we can construct a bounded analytic function  $A(w)$  in the  $w$ -plane except  $E$  and regular on  $|w-w_0| = S$ . Define a harmonic function  $U(w)$  on  $|w-w_0| \leq S$  such that  $U(w) = \text{real part of } A(w)$  on  $|w-w_0| = S$ , then it is clear that the conjugate function  $V(w)$  of  $U(w)$  is bounded on  $|w-w_0| \leq S$  and  $A(w) - U(w) - iV(w) = B(w)$  is bounded on  $|w-w_0| \leq S$  and further  $B(w) \neq \text{constant}$ . Consider the closed domain  $\bar{G}$  such that<sup>(3)</sup>  $\text{Re}(B(w)) \geq 0$ :  $|w-w_0| \leq S$ , and let  $V$  be the image of  $\bar{G}$  on  $R$ , then  $V$  has relative boundaries  $l_1, l_2, \dots, l_p, \dots$ , on which the  $\text{Re } B(w)$  vanishes.

Each  $l_i$  is non compact, since otherwise  $\Im_m B(w)$  is not one valued on account of  $\int_{l_i} \frac{\partial \text{Re } B(w)}{\partial n} ds > 0$ .

Every  $l_i$  converges to the boundary of  $R$ . Let  $B(p)$  be the function  $B(w)$  considered as the function on  $R \cap V$ ,  $p \in R \cap V$ .

Since  $B(p) : p \in (R \cap V)$  is bounded, we can suppose that  $V$  is mapped on the semi-circle  $|\xi| < 1$   $\text{Re } \xi \geq 0$  and every  $l_i$  is mapped on the imaginary axis. After Pfluger we introduce in  $|\xi| < 1$  the hyperbolic metric by the line element defined by  $ds = \frac{|d\xi|}{1-|\xi|^2}$ . Consider  $V$  in  $D_p$  and put  $D_p' = D_p \cap V$ . The boundary of  $D_p'$  is composed of  $l_i$  and  $\sum_{i=1}^{n(p)} \sum_{j=1}^{i(1)} r_i^j$ , where  $r_i^j$  is an arc contained in  $r_i$ . Let  $L_i^j$  be a segment on imaginary axis connecting two end-points of the image  $r_i^j$  lying on the imaginary axis, and  $\tilde{L}_i^j$  be image of  $r_i^j$ . Then

$$\tilde{L}_i^j = \int_{r_i^j} ds \geq \text{length of } L_i^j.$$

Let  $A_i^j$  be the area bounded by  $\tilde{L}_i^j$  and  $L_i^j$ . Then by the isoperimetric problem

$$4A_i^j(A_i^j + \pi) \leq (\tilde{L}_i^j + L_i^j)^2 \leq 4(\tilde{L}_i^j)^2, \\ 4A_i^j(A_i^j + \pi) \leq 4\tilde{L}_i^j{}^2,$$

2) In this article, we denote by  $E_{AB}$  the null set of  $O_{AB}$  on the plane.

3) Without loss of generality we may assume that there exists a point  $w_0$  satisfying the real part of  $B(w_0)$  is positive.

where

$$A_i = \sum_j A_i^j, \quad \tilde{L}_i = \sum_j \tilde{L}_i^j.$$

If  $r_j$  has no common point with any  $l_i$ , then we have

$$4A_j(A_j + \pi) \leq \tilde{L}_j^2.$$

Thus

$$4A_i(A_i + \pi) \leq 4\tilde{L}_i^2, \quad \text{for every } i.$$

Denote by  $A_p$  the area of image of  $D_p'$ . Then  $A_p \leq \sum A_i$ , and in the same manner as used by Pfluger, we have

$$4A_p\left(\pi + \frac{A_p}{n}\right) \leq 4\pi\left(\sum A_i + \sum A_i^2\right) \leq 4\sum \tilde{L}_i^2.$$

On the other hand

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{L}_i^2 &\leq l_i \int_{r_i} \frac{\left|\frac{d\xi}{dz}\right|^2}{(1-|\xi|^2)^2} dz, \\ \sum^n \tilde{L}_i^2 &\leq \Lambda(\rho) \frac{dA_p}{d\rho}, \\ A_p\left(\pi + \frac{A_p}{n}\right) &\leq \Lambda(\rho) \frac{dA_p}{d\rho}, \end{aligned}$$

hence

$$\frac{A_{\rho_0}}{\pi + A_{\rho_0}} \leq N(\rho) \exp\left(-\pi \int_{\rho_0}^{\rho} \frac{d\rho}{\Lambda(\rho)}\right).$$

Thus by assumption  $A_{\rho_0}$  must be zero, from which the conclusion follows.

Denote by  $n(w)$  the number of sheets of connected piece of  $R$  on  $|w - w_0| < S$  over a point  $w$ .

**Theorem 2.** *Let  $R$  be a Riemann surface belonging to  $O_{AB}(O_{AD})$  of finite genus and let  $V$  be a connected piece on  $|w - w_0| < \rho$  such that  $n(w) \leq N < \infty$ . Then  $V$  covers every point except at most a null-set*

$E_{AB}(E_{AD})$ .

Denote by  $D_N$  set of points of projection of  $V$  such that  $n(w) = N$ . Then from the lower semi-continuity of  $n(w)$ , it is clear that  $D_N$  is an open set and the boundary  $B_N$  of  $D_N$  is closed.

1)  $B_N$  is a totally disconnected set. If it were not so, take a continuum-component  $B_N'$  of  $B_N$  and a point  $p$  such that  $n(p) = \max n(w)$

$= S: w \in B_N$ , and let  $v(p)$  be a neighbourhood of  $p$  with boundary  $l$  such that  $l$  has at least one component  $l' (\in D_N)$  of  $(l - B_N')$  and  $v(p) \cap B_N' \not\subset D_{S'+1}$ . Since  $p$  is covered  $S$  times by  $V$ , there exists at most  $S$  discs  $k_{S'}, \dots, k_{S'} (S' \leq S)$  on  $v$  and at least another disc  $k_0$  on  $v$ , and  $V$  on  $k_0$  has at least a connected piece with lacunary of a continuum, larger than  $v(p) \cap B_N'$ , and at most  $(N-S)$  number of relative boundary components  $L_1, L_2, \dots, L_{N'-S'}$  lying on  $l'$  ( $N'-S' \leq N-S$ ). We denote such a connected piece by  $\tilde{V}$ . Since the genus of  $R$  is finite, it can be mapped by  $w = f(p)$  onto a sub-Riemann surface  $R$  in the other closed surface  $R^*$ .  $R^* - R$  is a totally disconnected set. Consider the image of  $\tilde{V}$  in  $R^*$ . Then we can see easily that every image of  $L_i$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, N'-S'$ ) converge to a point of  $R^*$ , because  $R^* - R$  is totally disconnected and  $p = f^{-1}(w) : p \in R^*$  is continuous. Denote by  $\tilde{\tilde{V}}$  the domain on  $R^*$  bounded by the image  $L_i$  and by a finite number of points of a subset of  $R^* - R$ . On the other hand by assumption  $v(p)$  has a continuum boundary except the projection of  $L_i$ , thus we can define a bounded (Dirichlet bounded) analytic function  $\varphi(w(p))$  on  $v(p)$  with vanishing real part on  $L_i$ . If  $\varphi(w(p))$  is analytic in  $\tilde{\tilde{V}}$ , it must be a constant, therefore there exists in  $\tilde{\tilde{V}}$ , a closed set  $E$  where  $\varphi(p)$  is not regular. Therefore by Neumann's<sup>(4)</sup> method and by Abel's integral, we can construct a bounded analytic (Dirichlet bounded) function on  $R$ , which contradicts the fact that  $R \in O_{AB}(O_{AD})$ .

2) Since  $B_N$  is a totally disconnected closed set, we can take a neighbourhood  $V'(p)$  such that the boundary<sup>(5)</sup> of  $V'(p)$  is completely contained in  $D_N$  and enclosing a lacunary set  $E$  of the connected piece. Thus by the same method as above, we can conclude that  $R \in O_{AB}(O_{AD})$ .

Remark 1) If  $R \in O_{AB}(O_{AD})$  covers the  $w$ -plane a bounded number of times, then we can see easily that the mapping function is regular throughout  $R^*$ , and the function must be an algebraic function.

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4) Since  $E(\subset(R^* - R))$  is a closed and totally disconnected set, we can find a domain  $D$ , with relative boundary  $\partial D$ , in  $\tilde{\tilde{V}}$  such that  $D \supset E' (E \supset E')$ , distance  $(\partial D, \text{relative boundary of } \tilde{\tilde{V}}) > 0$ , and distance  $(E', \partial D) > 0$ . Then by Neumann's method, we can construct a non constant harmonic function  $U_1(p)$  such that  $(\operatorname{Re} \varphi(p) - U_1(p))$  is harmonic in  $\tilde{\tilde{V}}$ ,  $U_1(p)$  is harmonic in  $R^* - D$ , and the conjugate of  $U_1(p)$  is single valued in  $D$ , therefore we can construct a bounded (Dirichlet bounded) function with a linear form of Abel's first kind of integral.

5)  $\tilde{\tilde{V}}$  in  $R^*$ , above defined, of every connected piece on  $V'(p)$  has at most  $N$  number of analytic curves as its relative boundary.

Remark 2) We conjecture that every Riemann surface belonging to  $O_{AB}$  of finite genus has Iversen's property but the present author did not succeed to prove it.

**Theorem 3.** *A Riemann surface belonging to  $O_{AB}$  of finite genus has not necessarily the Gross's property.*

Example. Let  $F_0$  be the unit-circle  $|z| < 1$  with slits  $S_i^n: n = 1, 2, 3, \dots; i = 1, 2, \dots, q_n$  such that (Fig. 1)

$$S_i^n: 1 - \frac{1}{p_n} \leq |z| < 1, \quad \arg z = \frac{2\pi i}{q_n},$$

$$i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, q_n, \quad p_n = \tilde{a}^n: \tilde{a} > 4.$$

*Lemma.* *Let  $F_i^n$  be the unit-circle with slits  $S_i^n$ , and connect  $F_0$  with every  $F_i^n$  on corresponding slits  $S_i^n$  crosswise, then we have infinitely many sheeted covering surface on the unit-circle. If we take  $q_n$  sufficiently large, then we have  $\omega(p) \equiv 0$ , where  $\omega(p)$  is the harmonic measure of the boundary of  $F_0$  on  $|z| = 1$ .*

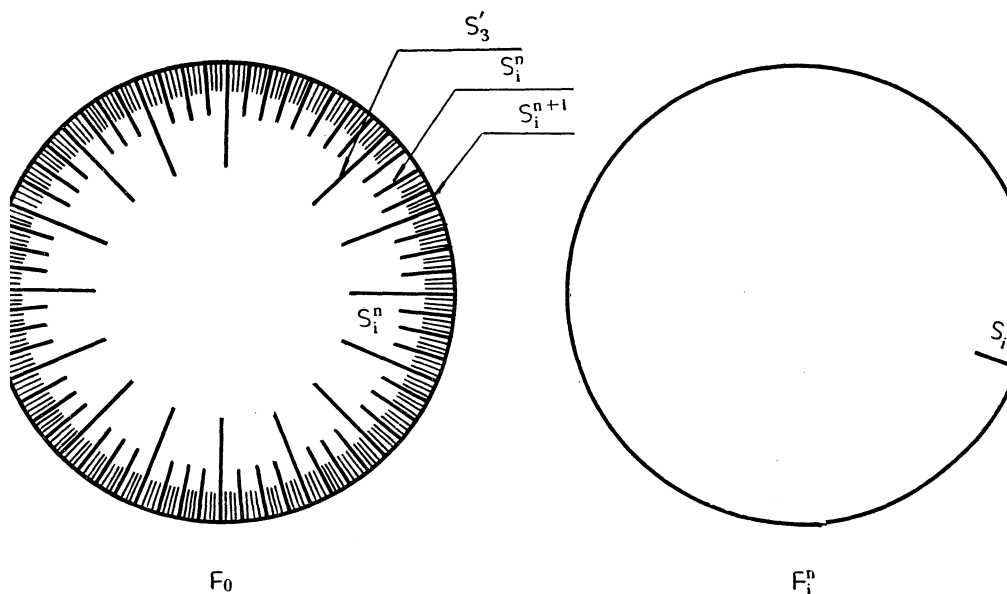


Fig. 1

$F_i^n: i = 1, 2, \dots, i_0(n). \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

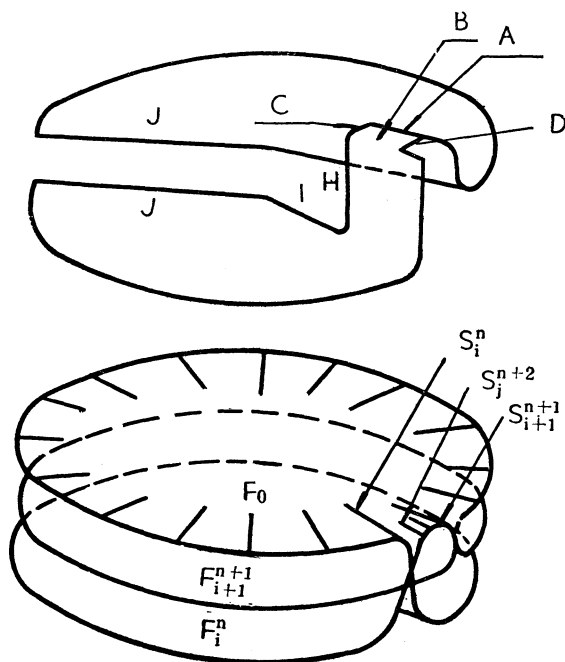


Fig. 2

We denote by  $G_{i,i+1}^{m,n}$  ( $n \geq m$ ) the domain of  $F_0$  enclosed by straight lines  $A, B$  and circular arcs  $C, D$  such that (Fig. 2)

$$A: 1 - \frac{1}{p_n} \leq |z| \leq 1 - \frac{1}{p_{n+1}}; \arg A = \arg S_i^m = \arg S_i^n,$$

$$B: 1 - \frac{1}{p_n} \leq |z| \leq 1 - \frac{1}{p_{n+1}}; \arg B = \arg S_{i+1}^n,$$

$$C: |z| = 1 - \frac{1}{p_{n+1}}; \arg S_{i+1}^n \leq \arg z \leq \arg S_i^n,$$

$$D: |z| = 1 - \frac{1}{p_n}; \arg S_{i+1}^n \leq \arg z \leq \arg S_{i+1}^n.$$

$F_i^m(F_{i+1}^n)$  has a slit  $S_i^m(S_{i+1}^n)$  with edges  $+S_i^m, -S_i^m(+S_{i+1}^n, -S_{i+1}^n)$  ( $S_i^n$  has two edges). We consider  $\omega(p)$  in the surface  $F_i^m + G_{i,i+1}^{m,n} + F_{i+1}^n$ , where  $G_{i,i+1}^{m,n}$  is connected with  $F_i^m$  on  $A$  by  $+S_i^m$ , with  $F_{i+1}^n$  on  $B$  by  $-S_{i+1}^n$ .  $F_i^m + G_{i,i+1}^{m,n} + F_{i+1}^n$  has boundaries  $C, D, -S_i^m, +S_{i+1}^n, (+S_i^m - A), (-S_{i+1}^n - B)$  and the boundary on  $|z| = 1$ .

Let  $\omega^*(p)$  be harmonic measure of  $-S_i^m + +S_{i+1}^n + (+S_i^m - A) + (-S_{i+1}^n - B)$  with respect to  $F_i^m + G_{i,i+1}^{m,n} + F_{i+1}^n$ . Then it is clear

$$\omega^*(p) \geq \omega(p).$$

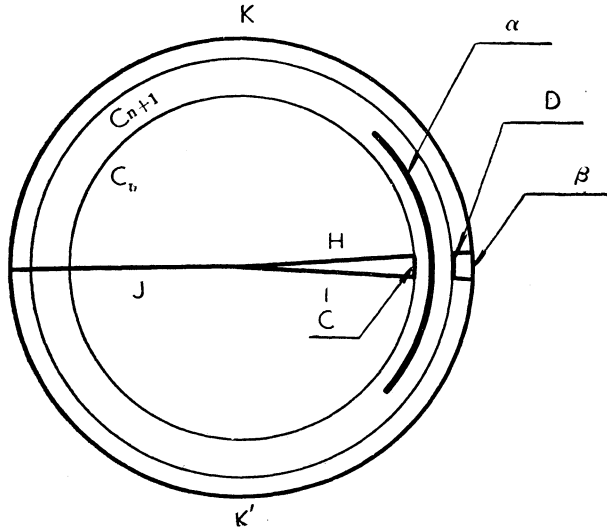


Fig. 3

Denote by  $(F_i^n + G_{i,i+1}^m + F_{i+1}^m)^*$  the simply connected domain with boundaries such that (Fig. 3)

$$\begin{aligned}
 H : 0 \leq |z| \leq 1 - \frac{1}{p_n}, \quad \arg z = \arg S_i, \\
 E : 1 - \frac{1}{p_{n+1}} \leq |z| \leq 1, \quad \arg z = \arg S_i, \\
 I : 0 \leq |z| \leq 1 - \frac{1}{p_n}, \quad \arg z = \arg S_{i+1}, \\
 F : 1 - \frac{1}{p_{n+1}} \leq |z| \leq 1, \quad \arg z = \arg S_{i+1}, \\
 J : 0 \leq |z| \leq 1, \quad \arg z = \pi + \frac{\arg S_i + \arg S_{i+1}}{2}, \\
 K : |z| = 1, \quad 0 \leq \arg z \leq \pi, \\
 K' : |z| = 1, \quad \pi \leq \arg z \leq 2\pi, \\
 \text{and } C + D.
 \end{aligned}$$

Let  $\omega^{**}(p)$  be the harmonic measure of  $E + D + H + I + J + F + C$ . Then

$0 \leq \omega(p) \leq \omega^*(p) \leq \omega^{**}(p)$ . Let  $\alpha$  be a half of the semi-circle passing through the point  $|z| = \frac{1}{2} \left( 2 - \frac{1}{p_n} - \frac{1}{p_{n+1}} \right)$ ,  $\arg z = \frac{1}{2} (\arg S_i + \arg S_{i+1})$ .

1°) The value of  $\omega^{**}(p) : p \in \alpha$ .

Suppose  $(\arg S_i + \arg S_{i+1}) = 0$ , and let  $S$  be a point on  $\alpha : S = \left( 1 - \frac{p_{n+1} - p_n}{2p_n p_{n+1}} \right) e^{i\theta}$ ,  $|\theta| \leq \frac{\pi}{4}$ . To investigate the behaviour of  $\omega^{**}(p)$ ,

we transform these figures by a linear function  $w = \frac{z-S}{1-\bar{S}z}$ .

Let  $C_n, C_{n+1}$  be circles such that

$$C_n: |z| = 1 - \frac{1}{p_n}, \quad C_{n+1}: |z| = 1 - \frac{1}{p_{n+1}}.$$

Then  $C_n, C_{n+1}$  will be mapped on to circles  $C'_n, C'_{n+1}$  such that

$$C'_n: \left| w - \frac{a^2 r - r}{1 - a^2 r} e^{i\theta} \right| = \frac{a - r^2 a}{1 - a^2 r^2}, \quad C'_{n+1}: \left| w - \frac{r^2 - r b^2}{1 - b^2 r} e^{i\theta} \right| = \frac{b - r^2 b}{1 - b^2 r},$$

where  $a = 1 - \frac{1}{p_n}, \quad b = 1 - \frac{1}{p_{n+1}}, \quad r = 1 - \frac{p_{n+1} - p_n}{2p_n p_{n+1}} \dots$  (A)

$$\begin{aligned} 1) \quad \text{distance } (C'_n, 0) &= \frac{p_n(2p_n p_{n+1} - p_{n+1} - p_n)}{4p_n^2 p_{n+1} - 3p_n p_{n+1} + p_n^2 + p_{n+1} - p_n} \\ &= \frac{2 - \frac{1}{\tilde{a}^n} - \frac{1}{\tilde{a}^{n+1}}}{4 - \frac{3}{\tilde{a}^n} + \frac{1}{\tilde{a}^{n+1}} + \frac{1}{\tilde{a}^{2n}} + \frac{1}{\tilde{a}^{2n+1}}}. \end{aligned}$$

$$2) \quad \text{distance } (C'_{n+1}, 0) = \frac{(p_{n+1} + 3p_n)p_{n+1}}{p_{n+1}^2 + 3p_n p_{n+1} + p_{n+1} - p_n} = \frac{1 - \frac{3}{\tilde{a}}}{1 + \frac{1}{\tilde{a}} + \frac{1}{\tilde{a}^{n+1}} - \frac{1}{\tilde{a}^{n+2}}}.$$

$$3) \quad z = S \longrightarrow w = 0.$$

$$4) \quad z = 0 \longrightarrow w = -S.$$

$$5) \quad z = e \longrightarrow w = e^{i\theta_1'}; \theta_1' = \arg S_i.$$

$$6) \quad z = e \longrightarrow w = e^{i\theta_2'}; \theta_2' = \arg S_{i+1}.$$

$$7) \quad \text{the radius } z=0, \quad z=e^{i\theta_1} \longrightarrow \text{orthogonal circle } \overbrace{e^{i\theta_1'}}^{-}, -S.$$

$$8) \quad \text{the radius } 0, e^{i\theta_2} \longrightarrow \text{orthogonal circle } \overbrace{e^{i\theta_2'}}^{-}, -S.$$

$$9) \quad \text{the radius } 0, -1 \longrightarrow \text{orthogonal circle } -re^{i\theta}, \overbrace{\frac{-1-re^{i\theta}}{1+re^{i\theta}}}^{-},$$

(this circle tends to  $e^{-i\theta}$  when  $r \rightarrow 1$ .)

$$z = 1 \longrightarrow w = \frac{1-re^{i\theta}}{1-re^{-i\theta}}: \quad \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{2}.$$

Let  $\omega^\beta(z)$  be the harmonic measure of  $\beta$  ( $\beta$  lies on  $|z|=1$  and  $\arg S_i \leq \arg z \leq \arg S_{i+1}$ ) with respect to the unit-circle. Then  $\omega^\beta(z): z \in \alpha$  attains its maximum when  $\arg z = \frac{1}{2}(\arg S_i + \arg S_{i+1})$ , which implies that the length of the image of  $\beta$  is largest when  $\arg S = 0$ , in which case the mapping function is reduced to  $w = \frac{z-r}{1-rz}$ . If we denote by  $\beta_1^*$  and  $\beta_2^*$  the end-points of the image  $\beta^*$  of  $\beta$ , then we have

$$\arg \beta_1^* = \tan^{-1} \left[ \frac{\sin \theta (1-r^2)}{(-2r) + \cos (1+r^2)} \right].$$

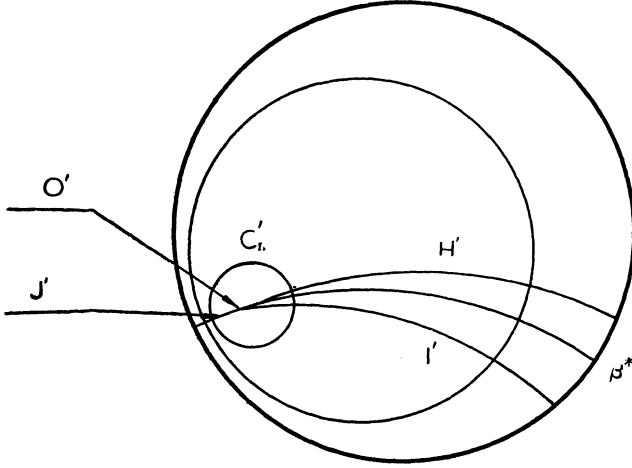


Fig. 4

If we take  $\theta$  so small that

$$(B) \quad \cos \theta > \frac{2r}{1+r^2},$$

then the length of  $\beta^*$  is smaller than  $\pi$ .

Elementary calculation yields from (A) and (B)

$$\theta < \sqrt{\frac{\tilde{a}-1}{2\tilde{a}^{n+1}}},$$

i.e.,

$$q_n > 4\pi \sqrt{\frac{2\tilde{a}^{n+1}}{\tilde{a}-1}}.$$

If we consider in 9) the radius  $0, \overleftrightarrow{-1}$ , then the argument of its image  $\arg \left( \left( \frac{-1-re^{i\theta}}{1+re^{-i\theta}} \right) \right)$  is smallest when  $\theta = \frac{\pi}{4}$ : thus

$$\arg \frac{-1-re^{i\theta}}{1+re^{-i\theta}} \geq 2 \left( \tan^{-1} \frac{1+\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{2}} \right) > \frac{\pi}{2} + \varepsilon_0 \quad \left( \frac{\pi}{4} \geq \theta \geq 0 \right),$$

and the argument of  $w = re^{\theta+\pi}$  is  $\theta+\pi$ . Therefore the distance from  $w=0$  to the image  $J$  is larger than a positive number  $\delta_1$ . The same fact holds true when  $-\frac{\pi}{4} \leq \theta \leq 0$ .

Since  $\omega^{**}(p)$  attains 1 only on  $D, E, F, H, C, I$ , and  $J$ , and since the distance from  $w=0$  to the images of  $E, D, F, H, C, I, J$  has a positive distance larger than  $\delta_3$ , and further since the length of  $\beta^*$  is less than  $\pi$ , we see that  $\omega^{**}(z) \leq \delta_4 < 1$ , where  $\delta_4$  is a positive

number whenever  $S$  is on  $\alpha$ .

2°)  $F_i^n$  has a slit  $S_i^n$ . We denote by  $\alpha'$  the part of the circle such that  $|z| = 1 - \frac{p_{n+1} - p_n}{2p_n p_{n+1}}$ ,  $\frac{1}{2}(\arg S_i + \arg S_{i+1}) + \frac{\pi}{4} < \arg z < -\frac{1}{2}(\arg S_i + \arg S_{i+1}) + \frac{7\pi}{4}$ , and denote by  $\omega^{***}(z)$  the harmonic measure of  $S_i$  with respect to the domain (unit-circle -  $S_i$ ). Then clearly  $\omega^{***}(z) \leq \delta_s < 1$ :  $z \in \alpha'$  and  $\omega(p) \leq \omega^{***}(z)$ .

Let  $\tilde{\omega}_n(p)$  be a harmonic function  $0 \leq \tilde{\omega}_n(p) \leq 1$  such that  $\tilde{\omega}_n(p) = 0$  on the boundary of  $F_{i_1}^1, F_{i_2}^2, \dots, F^n$  and  $= 1$  on the circle on  $F_0$  with radius  $= 1 - \frac{1}{p_{n+1}}$  and on the part of slits  $S_{n+1}^i$  contained in the part  $|z| \geq 1 - \frac{1}{p_{n+1}}$ . On the other hand  $F_0$  has no common point with  $F_i^{n+1}, F_j^{n+2}, \dots$ . Thus we see from 1°) and 2°)

$$\tilde{\omega}_n(p) \leq \max(\delta_4, \delta_s),$$

where the projection of  $p$  is on the circle  $|z| = 1 - \frac{p_{n+1} - p_n}{2p_n p_{n+1}}$ .

Let  $\{V_i(p)\}$  be non negative continuous super-harmonic functions on  $F$  such that  $V_i(p) \leq 1$  and  $\lim_{\substack{|p|=1 \\ p \in F_0}} V_i(p) = 1$ , and denote  $V(p)$  its lower envelope. Then

$$V(p) \leq \max(\delta_4, \delta_s) \quad \text{on } |z| = r_n \quad n = 1, 2, \dots,$$

thus

$$V(p) \leq \max(\delta_4, \delta_s) V(p), \quad \text{and} \quad V(p) \equiv 0.$$

We denote by  $\hat{F}$  the symmetric surface with respect to the unit circle and identify the boundary of  $F_i^n (n \geq 1)$  with that of  $\hat{F}$ , then we have a planer Riemann surface  $\hat{F}$  over the  $z$ -plane.

*Proposition.*  $\hat{F}$  is contained in the class  $O_{AB}$ .<sup>6)</sup>

If there were a non-constant bounded analytic function  $A(p) = U(p) + iV(p)$  on  $\hat{F}$ , where  $\tilde{p}$  is the symmetric point of  $p$  with respect to the unit circle, then we have

$$U(p) - U(\tilde{p}) = 0, \quad V(p) - V(\tilde{p}) = 0,$$

which implies the constancy of  $A(p)$ . It is clear that  $\hat{F}$  has not the Gross's property.

**Theorem** (W. Gross). *Let  $z = z(p)$ :  $p \in R$  be a meromorphic function and let  $R$  be a Riemann surface belonging to  $O_\theta$ . If we denote by  $p = p(z)$  its inverse function, if  $p = p(z)$  is regular at  $z_0$ , then we can continue  $p(z)$  analytically on half lines  $z = z_0 + re^{i\theta}$  ( $0 \leq r < \infty$ ) except a set of  $\theta$  of angular measure zero.*

Thus our example is not contained in  $O_g$ .

When the genus of an abstract Riemann surface is finite, it is known

$$O_g = O_{HB} = O_{HD} \subset O_{AB} \subset O_{AD} = O_{ABD}.$$

Since there is a Riemann surface of finite genus of  $O_{AD}$  on which a non-constant bounded analytic function exists,  $O_{AD}$  has not necessarily Iversen's property. In the previous<sup>7)</sup> paper we proved that  $O_g$  is the only class in which any Riemann surface always has Gross's property. Now even when we confine ourselves to Riemann surfaces of finite genus, we know that  $O_g$  is the maximal class in which Gross's theorem holds.

Denote by  $P_I, P_g$  the class of Riemann surfaces having Iversen's or Gross's property respectively. Then

1) Case of infinite genus

$$P_I \supset O_{HB} \supset O_{HP} \supset O_g, \quad P_I \not\supset O_{AB}, \quad P_I \not\supset O_{HD}, \quad P_g \not\supset O_{HP}.$$

2) Case of finite genus

$$P_I \overset{?}{\supset} O_{AB}, \quad P_I \supset O_g, \quad P_I \not\supset O_{AD}, \quad P_g \supset O_g, \quad P_g \not\supset O_{AB}.$$

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