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A Remark on the Bounded Analytic Function

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Z. Nehari¹⁾ solved many extremal problems in the case when the domain is planer. We shall show that his method is also applicable to Riemann surfaces.

F denotes a compact Riemann surface bounded by n closed analytic curves $\Gamma_1, \Gamma_2, \dots, \Gamma_n$; $\Gamma = \Gamma_1 + \Gamma_2 + \dots + \Gamma_n$, and g genus denoted by $\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_g, \beta_1, \beta_2 \dots \beta_g$, its corresponding canonical cuts.

$g(z, \zeta)$ denotes the Green's function of F with respect to the point ζ .

$w_i(z)$ denotes the harmonic measure of Γ_i with respect to F .

${}^a w_i(z)$ denotes the first kind harmonic function which is harmonic in F and has period 1 corresponding to the cut α_i and has no period and moreover has the boundary value 0 on Γ . Such harmonic function can be defined in the following.

If $g(z, \zeta)$ is the Green's function of F with respect to ζ , then

$$w(z; \alpha_i) = \int_{\alpha_1} dg(z, \zeta) d\zeta$$

where the integration is performed along α_i , the function vanishes for $z \in \Gamma$, since $g(z, \zeta) = 0$ for $z \in \Gamma$, and further has a period about the cut $\alpha_\kappa, \kappa \neq i$ and no period about the other cuts $\beta_i: i = 1, \dots, g$. This function may be defined as the following also.

It is clear that to each Riemann surface of finite connectivity $2g + n$, there correspond a symmetric Riemann surface of genus $4g + n - 1$. This surface defined by taking two replicas F and \bar{F} and identifying corresponding points of boundary Γ_i . We denote by $\alpha_i, \beta_i, \bar{\alpha}_i, \bar{\beta}_i$ in F and \bar{F} and ${}^a w_i, {}^a \bar{w}_i$ the first Abel's integral which are harmonic and one valued except period 1 about $\bar{\alpha}_i$ and α_i respectively, then ${}^a w_i - {}^a \bar{w}_i$ are zero on the boundary Γ , and ${}^a w_i - {}^a \bar{w}_i$ is symmetric with respect to F and \bar{F} then $\int_{\Gamma_i} \frac{\partial {}^a w_i}{\partial n} \alpha s - \int_{\bar{\Gamma}_i} \frac{\partial {}^a \bar{w}_i}{\partial n} d s = 0$ therefore the conjugate harmonic function of ${}^a w_i - {}^a \bar{w}_i$ has no period about common boundary of F and \bar{F} . It is clear that ${}^a w_i - {}^a \bar{w}_i$ is identical with ${}^a w_i$ in F .

1) Z. Nehari: Extremal problems in the theory of bounded analytic function, American Journal of Math. 1951, Vol. LXXIII, No. 1 pp. 78-106.

B_R denoted the family of analytic function $f(z)$ which are regular and single valued and have a bounded real part, say $|Re\{f(z)\}] < 1$, in F .

The Schwarz Lemma.

We consider the generalization of classical Schwarz Lemma, that is the problem to ask the function such that, $f(z) \in B_R$, $|Re\{f'(\zeta)\}| = \max$ (where the simbol of the differentiation means one corresponding to the local parameter defined in the neighbourhood of ζ , which was treated in the case of planer by Z. Nehari and the little changed problem about Riemann surface was done by L. Ahlfors²⁾. Z. Nehari proved that maximizing function must satisfies that $Re\{f(\zeta)\} = 0$, therefore the above problem is equivalent to the following problem,

$$f(\zeta) = 0 \quad Re f'(\zeta) = \max.$$

$p(z, \zeta)$ denotes the second kind harmonic function with respect to the point and the local parameter; i.e. $p(z, \zeta) + Re \frac{1}{z-\zeta}$ is regular harmonic in F and $p(z, \zeta)$ vanishes for $z \in \Gamma$, then we have by Green's formula,

$$(1) \quad u'(\zeta) = -\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\Gamma} u(z) \frac{\partial p}{\partial n} ds; \quad ds = |dz|; \quad f(z) = u(z) + iv(z),$$

$\frac{\partial}{\partial n}$ denotes differentiation with respect to the outward pointing normal. And by the same formula

$$(2) \quad u(\zeta) = -\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\Gamma} u(z) \frac{\partial g(z, \zeta)}{\partial n} ds.$$

And in the same manner, by the Cauchy Riemann-equation, and the boundary properties of $\omega_i(z)$,

$$(3) \quad \int_{\Gamma} u(z) \frac{\partial \omega_i(z)}{\partial n} ds = \int_{\Gamma} \omega_i(z) \frac{\partial u}{\partial n} ds = \int_{\Gamma_i} \frac{\partial u}{\partial n} ds = \int_{\Gamma_i} dv.$$

We form an analytic function from $w_i^\alpha(z)$ with its conjugate harmonic function ${}^\alpha \tilde{w}(z)$

$${}^\alpha W_i(z) = {}^\alpha w_i(z) + i {}^\alpha \tilde{w}_i(z); \quad i = 1, \dots, g, \text{ for } \alpha \text{ and } \beta.$$

These are not single valued and have period corresponding to α_i cuts butts have no periods about the boundary.

Let F^k denotes the surface of connectivity $2g + n - 1$ into which F

2) L. Ahlfors: Extremal problems and Compact subregion of open Riemann surface (Comm. Math. Helv. 1949).

is transformed by a system of canonical cuts α_i, β_i and by Γ^* its boundary, we have in considering the single valudeness of $f(z)$ and ${}^a W_i(z)$ in *F ,

$$\int_{\Gamma^*} ({}^a w_i(z) + i {}^a \tilde{w}_i(z)) (du + iv) = 0$$

The integration path Γ^* is composed of the boundary components $\Gamma_i, i = 1, \dots, n$, and the closed curve $\alpha_i, \beta_i, i = 1, \dots, g$, the latter are taken twice, in different directions. Along β_j , we have, since ${}^a w_i(z)$ is free of periods about $\beta_i, {}^a \dot{w}_i(z)$ has the same value on both edges of β_j and $u(z)$ is one valued,

$$\begin{aligned} (4) \quad & \int_{\beta_j(-)} ({}^a w_i + i {}^a \tilde{w}_i)(dv + idv) + \int_{\beta_j(+)} ({}^a w_i + i {}^a \tilde{w}_i)(dv + idv) \\ & = i {}^a \hat{w}_i^j \int_{\beta_j} dU - {}^a \hat{w}_i^j \int_{\beta_j} dv = - {}^a \hat{w}_i^j \int_{\beta_j} dv \end{aligned}$$

where ${}^a \hat{w}_i^j$ is the period of ${}^a \tilde{w}_i$ about α_j . In the same manner

$$\begin{aligned} (5) \quad & \int_{\alpha_j(-)} ({}^a w_i + i {}^a \tilde{w}_i)(dU + idv) + \int_{\alpha_j(+)} ({}^a w_i + i {}^a \tilde{w}_i)(dU + idv) \\ & = - {}^a \hat{w}_i \int_{\beta_j} dv + i \delta_i^j \int_{\beta_j} dv \end{aligned}$$

where $\delta_i^j = 1$, if $i = j, = 0$ if $i \neq j$.

By assumption that $f(z)$ is single valued and ${}^a w_i(z)$ is a constant on Γ_i of F and remembering of $\int_{\Gamma_i} d {}^a w_i = 0, \int_{\Gamma_i} du = 0$, we have then

$$\begin{aligned} (6) \quad & \int_{\Gamma_i} ({}^a w_j + i {}^a \tilde{w}_j)(dv + idv) = i \int_{\Gamma_i} {}^a \tilde{w}_j dv + i \int_{\Gamma_i} {}^a w_j dv - \int_{\Gamma_i} {}^a \tilde{w}_j dv \\ & = -i \int_{\Gamma_i} v \frac{d {}^a \tilde{w}_j}{dz} dz - i \int_{\Gamma_i} {}^a w_j dv - \int_{\Gamma_i} \tilde{w}_j dv = -i \int_{\Gamma_i} v \frac{\partial {}^a w_j}{\partial n} ds. \end{aligned}$$

If we take the real imaginal of (4), (5) and (6)

$$\int_{\beta_i} dv = - \int_{\Gamma_i} v \frac{\partial {}^a w_i}{\partial n} ds, \quad \int_{\alpha_i} dv = - \int_{\Gamma_i} v \frac{\partial {}^\beta w_i}{\partial n} ds.$$

Since $u(\zeta) = 0$, and by single valuedness of $f(z)$ we have

$$v'(\zeta) = - \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\Gamma} v(z) \left[\frac{\partial p}{\partial n} + \alpha \frac{\partial g}{\partial n} + \sum^g \lambda_n \left(\frac{\partial {}^a w_n}{\partial n} \right) + \sum^g \mu_n \frac{\partial {}^\beta w_n}{\partial n} + \sum^{n-1} \nu_n \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial n} \right] ds$$

where $\alpha, \lambda_n, \mu_n, \nu_n$ are arbitrary real constants.

Since $|u(z)| \leq 1$ in F , we have

$$(7) \quad u'(\zeta) \leq -\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\Gamma} v \left[\frac{\partial p}{\partial n} + \alpha \frac{\partial g}{\partial n} + \sum \lambda \frac{\partial {}^a w}{\partial n} + \sum \mu \frac{\partial {}^b w}{\partial n} + \sum \nu \frac{\partial w}{\partial u} \right] ds.$$

Let us denote by $q(z, \zeta)$, $h(z, \zeta)$, ${}^a \tilde{w}_i(z)$ and ${}^b \tilde{w}_i(z)$ the conjugate harmonic functions of $p(z, \zeta)$, $g(z, \zeta)$, ${}^a w_i(z)$, ${}^b w_i(z)$ respectively, the differential of the next form $\alpha X = (p' + ig' + g' + ih')(z) + \sum \lambda_i ({}^a w_i + i\tilde{w}_i) + \sum \mu ({}^b w + i\tilde{w}_i) + \sum (\nu(w + i\tilde{w})) dz$ has $2g + n$ zero points in F , where each critical point is counted with its multiplicity.

In fact, since this differential is analytic, clearly it does never have limiting points of zero in F , let \tilde{F} be the planer surface of connectivity $2g + n$ into which F is transformed by a system of α, β cuts which does not pass any one of zero points of the differential. We can map \tilde{F} conformally onto $\tilde{\tilde{F}}$ on the z -plane, then dx is transformed conformally into $d\tilde{x}$ also. The boundary components of $\tilde{\tilde{F}}$ are composed of ones corresponding to Γ and the system of α, β cuts, for simplicity we denote them by the same notation with the symbol \sim .

Since the real part of dx is constant of Γ , then

$$\int_{\tilde{\Gamma}_i} d \arg \frac{dx}{dz} = - \int_{\Gamma_i} d \arg dz = 2\pi (i = 2 \dots n), \quad \int_{\tilde{\Gamma}_1} d \arg \frac{dx}{dz} = - \int_{\Gamma_1} d \arg dz = -2\pi.$$

Since in \tilde{F} the direction of integration of $\arg dx$ along $\tilde{\alpha}_+$ and $\tilde{\alpha}_-$ are the same with respect to the interior of $\tilde{\tilde{F}}$, which corresponds in F inversed direction along i.e. α_+ and α_- , and since $d\tilde{X}$ and dX are conformally equivalent then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\tilde{\alpha}_+} d \arg \frac{d\tilde{x}}{dz} + \int_{\tilde{\alpha}_-} d \arg \frac{d\tilde{x}}{dz} &= \int_{\tilde{\alpha}_+} d \arg dz - \int_{\tilde{\alpha}_-} d \arg dz + \int_{\alpha_-} d \arg dx + \int_{\alpha_+} d \arg dx \\ &= 2 \int_{\tilde{\alpha}} d \arg dz = 4\pi. \end{aligned}$$

Since dX has double pole then

$$\int_{\tilde{\Gamma}} d \arg ax = 2(2g + n) \pi.$$

Hence, the number of zero points in F , counted with their multiplicity, turned out to be $2g + n$, the results remains true even if there are zero points on the boundary, provided they are counted with half their multiplicity.

We minimize the right hand side (7) with respect to the parameter $\alpha, \lambda, \mu, \nu$. This problem has at least one solution as proved by Z. Nehari in the planer domain.

Let now $\alpha, \lambda, \mu, \nu$ denote the particular values of these paramet which minimizes the right hand sided of (7). With the abreviation

$$P = \left[\frac{\partial p}{\partial n} + \alpha \frac{\partial g}{\partial n} + \sum \lambda \frac{\partial^\alpha w}{\partial n} + \sum \mu \frac{\partial^\beta w}{\partial n} + \sum \nu \frac{\partial w}{\partial n} \right].$$

It follows from the minimum property that

$$\int_{\Gamma} \frac{|p|}{P} \frac{\partial g}{\partial n} ds = 0, \quad \int \frac{|p|}{P} \frac{\partial^\alpha w}{\partial n} ds = 0, \quad \int \frac{|p|}{P} \frac{\partial w}{\partial n} ds = 0.$$

We now introduce the bounded function $U(z)$ which is harmonic and has the boundary value $u(z) = -\frac{|P|}{P} P \neq 0$. Although the boundary value at the finite number of points at which $P = 0$ are not specified, $U(z)$ is uniquely determined.

In term of this function $U(z)$

$$U(z) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\Gamma} \frac{|p|}{P} \frac{\partial g}{\partial n}(z, \zeta) ds, \quad \int U \frac{\partial^\alpha w}{\partial n} ds = 0, \quad \int U \frac{\partial w}{\partial n} ds = 0.$$

If $V(z)$ denotes the harmonic conjugate of $U(z)$, it follows that $V(z)$ is free of periods about α, β cuts and the boundary components, $V(z)$ is only determind up to an arbitrary constant, which will be so chosen that $V(\zeta) = 0$.

$$U_\zeta(\zeta) \leq U_\zeta(\zeta) \leq \frac{1}{2\pi} \int \frac{|p|}{P} \frac{\partial g}{\partial n}(z, \zeta) ds.$$

whence $u_\zeta'(\zeta) \leq U'(\zeta)$, which proves our assertion.

It is clear $P(z) \cdot U(z) \leq 0$. This shows that $u(z) + iV(z)$ yields a $(1, m)$; $n \leq m \leq 2g + n$, conformal maps of F onto the strip $-1 < Re\{w\} < 1$.

Because the minimum property of $\int |P| ds$ follows that P has at least one zero point on Γ_i and by its one valuedness the nubur of zeros on Γ_i must be even, therefore P has at least $2n$ zero points on the boundary components, and since the property of dX , it has at most $4G + 2n$ zero points on the boundary. Since each sheets of the conformal map of F given by $w = U + iV$ corresponds two change of sign of $U(z)$ on, it follows that the map has m sheets: $n \leq m \leq 2g + n$ on the strip we form the function $F(z)$ from $w(z)$ such that

$$F(z) = \tan \left\{ \frac{\pi}{4} w(z) \right\}$$

of Γ , the values of $U(z)$ is either 1 or -1 , that is, $w(z)$ is the of the form $w(z) = 1 + it$ where t is a real parameter, it follows from $\frac{F(z)}{1 + F^2(z)}$ $= \pm \cosh t$ whence

$$\frac{F(z)}{U(z)(1+F^2(z))} \geq 0; z \in \Gamma$$

From

$$\begin{aligned} Pds &= -i [p'(z, \zeta) + \alpha g'(z, \zeta) + \sum \lambda_i^{\alpha} w_i'(z) + \sum \mu_i^{\beta} w_i'(z) + \sum \nu_i \omega^i(z)] dz \\ &= R'(z) dz \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{iF(z)R'(z)dz}{1+F^2(z)} \geq 0$$

$\frac{R'(z)}{1+F^2(z)}$ is also the analytic differential, except its double pole at ζ , since the zero of $1+F^2(z)$ obviously coincide with the point at which $U(z)$ changes its sign; these points, in turn, coincide with the zeros of $dR(z)$, and there also with those of the differential. Hence, $\frac{F(z)dR(z)}{1+F^2(z)}$ is the differential which L. Ahlfors obtained.

These considerations can be applied easily to the problems of Z. Nehari, for instance, on the upper bound for higher derivatives, interpolation problems, etc.

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