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# DIRICHLET PROBLEM IN THE CLASS OF $A(Z)$ –HARMONIC FUNCTIONS

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## Abstract

This paper work is devoted to the study of the Dirichlet problem in the class of  $A(z)$ –harmonic functions.

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## Introduction

This paper work is devoted to the study of the Dirichlet problem in the class of  $A(z)$ –harmonic functions. Solution of the Beltrami equation

$$f_{\bar{z}}(z) = A(z) f_z(z) \quad (1)$$

is called  $A(z)$ –analytic function. It is well-known, equation (1) is directly related to quasiconformal mappings. In generally assumed that  $A(z)$  is measurable function and  $|A(z)| \leq C < 1$  almost everywhere in the domain  $D \subset \mathbb{C}$ . The real part of the solution of equation (1) ( i.e.  $u(z) := \operatorname{Re} f(z)$ ) is called  $A(z)$ –harmonic function. The work consists of an introduction and three paragraphs. In the first paragraph we give brief information on  $A(z)$ –analytic,  $A(z)$ –harmonic functions that will be used in subsequent studies of  $A(z)$ –harmonic functions, introduce the operator  $\Delta_A u$ , which is an analogue of the well-known Laplace operator  $\Delta u$ , the functional properties of  $A(z)$ –harmonic functions, the Poisson integral formula for  $A(z)$ –harmonic functions, mean theorems and analogue of the Harnac’s theorem. In the second section, we give the definition of a  $A(z)$ –subharmonic function and some of its properties. For exaple maximum principle for  $A(z)$ –subharmonic functions, family locally uniformly bounded  $A(z)$ –subharmonic functions and etc. A method for solving the Dirichlet problem for the Laplace equation based on the properties of subharmonic functions. O.Perron [7] gave the initial presentation of the method, which was substantially developed by N.Wiener and M.V.Keldysh [3]. The third section is devoted to the study of the Perron method for the Dirichlet problem in the class of  $A(z)$ –harmonic functions.

## 1 On the class of $A(z)$ –analytic and $A(z)$ –harmonic functions

Solutions to the Beltrami equation:

$$\bar{D}_A f(z) := \frac{\partial f(z)}{\partial \bar{z}} - A(z) \frac{\partial f(z)}{\partial z} = 0$$

is directly related to quasiconformal mappings. In the general case, with respect to the function  $A(z)$ , it is assumed that it is measurable and  $|A(z)| \leq C < 1$  almost everywhere in the domain under consideration  $D \subset \mathbb{C}$ . In the literature, solutions to eq. (1) are usually called  $A(z)$ -analytic functions.

**Theorem 1.** [1] *For any measurable function on the complex plane of the  $\mathbb{C}$  function,*

$$A(z) : \|A\|_{\mathbb{C}} := \sup_{z \in \mathbb{C}} \{|A(z)|\} < 1$$

*there exists a unique homeomorphic solution  $\psi(z)$  of eq. (1) such that the  $\psi$  points remain fixed 0, 1,  $\infty$ .*

The first part of section 1 is based on the fundamental work of A. Sadullaev and N. Zhabborov [9]. The most interesting is the case when  $A(z)$ —the antianalytic function,  $\partial A = 0$ , in a domain  $D \subset \mathbb{C}$  such that  $|A(z)| \leq C < 1, \forall z \in D$ . Then, according to (1), the class  $A(z)$ —of analytic functions  $f \in O_A(D)$  is characterized by the fact that  $\bar{\partial}_A f = 0$ . Since the anti-analytic function is infinitely smooth, then  $O_A(D) \subset C^\infty(D)$  ([8, 9, ?]). In this case, the following

**Theorem 2.** *(An analogue of the Cauchy theorem, see [9]) If  $f \in O_A(D) \cap C(\bar{D})$ , where is  $D \subset \mathbb{C}$ —a domain with a rectifiable boundary,  $\partial D$ , then*

$$\int_{\partial D} f(z) (dz + A(z) d\bar{z}) = 0.$$

Let us now assume that the domain  $D \subset \mathbb{C}$  is convex and  $\xi \in D$ —its fixed point. Consider the function

$$K(z, \xi) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \cdot \frac{1}{z - \xi + \int_{\gamma(\xi, z)} \bar{A}(\tau) d\tau}, \quad (2)$$

where  $\gamma(\xi, z)$ —is a smooth curve connecting the points  $\xi, z \in D$ .

**Theorem 3.** *(Cauchy formula, see [9]). Let  $D \subset \mathbb{C}$  is a convex domain and  $G \subset D$  is arbitrary subdomain, with a piecewise smooth boundary  $\partial G$ , which lies compactly in  $D$ . Then for any function  $f(z) \in O_A(G) \cap C(\bar{G})$  the formula holds*

$$f(z) = \int_{\partial G} K(\xi, z) f(\xi) (d\xi + A(\xi) d\bar{\xi}), z \in G. \quad (3)$$

**Theorem 4.** *(see [4, 5, 10]). The real part of the  $A(z)$ —analytic function  $f \in O_A(D)$  satisfies the equation in the domain  $D$*

$$\Delta_A u := \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left[ \frac{1}{1 - |A|^2} \left[ (1 + |A|^2) \frac{\partial u}{\partial \bar{z}} - 2A \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} \right] \right] + \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{z}} \left[ \frac{1}{1 - |A|^2} \left[ (1 + |A|^2) \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} - 2\bar{A} \frac{\partial u}{\partial \bar{z}} \right] \right] = 0. \quad (4)$$

And vice versa, if  $D$ — simply connected domain,  $u \in C^2(D)$ ,  $u : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  twice differentiable function satisfies differential equation (4), then there exists  $f \in O_A(G) : u = \operatorname{Re} f$ .

In connection with Theorem 4, it is natural to introduce the concept of  $A(z)$ –harmonic function as follows:

**Definition 1.** Twice differentiable function  $u \in C^2(D)$ ,  $u : D \rightarrow R$  is called  $A(z)$ –harmonic in the domain  $D$ , if everywhere in  $D$  function  $u(z)$  satisfies differential equation (4). The class of  $A(z)$ –harmonic functions in the domain  $D$  is denoted by  $h_A(D)$ .

**Theorem 5.** (about mean value, see [5]). Let  $D$  is convex domain. If the function  $u(z)$  is  $A(z)$ –harmonic in the lemniscate  $L(z, R) = \{\xi \in D : |\psi(z, \xi)| < R\} \subset D$ , then for any  $r < R$  the following mean values hold

$$u(z) = \frac{1}{2\pi r} \oint_{|\psi(z, \xi)|=r} u(\xi) |d\xi + A(\xi)d\bar{\xi}|, \quad (5)$$

$$u(z) = \frac{1}{\pi r^2} \iint_{|\psi(z, \xi)| \leq r} u(\xi) (1 - |A(\xi)|^2) \frac{d\xi \wedge d\bar{\xi}}{2i}, \quad (6)$$

where  $\psi(z, \xi) = z - \xi + \int_{\gamma(z, \xi)} \bar{A}(\tau) d\tau$ .

For  $A(z)$ –harmonic functions, the following Dirichlet problem is naturally considered: Dirichlet problem. A bounded domain is  $G \subset D$  given and a continuous function is given  $\varphi(\xi)$  on the boundary  $\partial G$ . It is required to find a  $A(z)$ –function  $u(z) \in h_A(G) \cap C(\bar{G}) : u|_{\partial G} = \varphi$  that is harmonic in the domain  $G$  and continuous on the closure  $\bar{G}$ . The well-known classical Poisson formula is the simplest and also the most important example of solving the Dirichlet problem in the class of harmonic functions. In the case where the domain  $G$  is a lemniscate  $G = L(a, R)$ , the following analogue takes place

**Theorem 6.** (an analogue of the Poisson formula for  $A(z)$ –harmonic functions see [10]). If the function is  $\varphi(\xi)$  continuous on the boundary of the lemniscate  $L(a, R) \subset D$ , then the function

$$u(z) = \frac{1}{2\pi R} \oint_{|\psi(a, \xi)|=R} \varphi(\xi) \frac{R^2 - |\psi(a, z)|^2}{|\psi(\xi, z)|^2} |d\xi + A(\xi)d\bar{\xi}| \quad (7)$$

is a solution of the Dirichlet problem in  $L(a, R)$ . For continuous functions, the following harmonicity criteria hold. Let's assume that a  $D$ –convex domain.

**Theorem 7.** (see [5]). For a function, the  $u(z) \in C(D)$  following statements are equivalent:

- 1)  $u \in h_A(D)$ ;
- 2) For any  $z \in D$  and  $L(z, r) \subset\subset D$  the following equality holds

$$u(z) = \frac{1}{2\pi r} \int_{|\psi(\xi, z)|=r} u(\xi) |d\xi + A(\xi)d\bar{\xi}|;$$

3) For any  $z \in D$  and  $L(z, r) \subset\subset D$  the following equality holds

$$u(z) = \frac{1}{\pi r^2} \iint_{|\psi(\xi, z)| \leq r} u(\xi) d\mu. \quad (8)$$

**Corollary 1.** (*extremum principle*). If the function  $u \in h_A(D)$  reaches extremum inside the domain of domain  $G$ , then  $u \equiv \text{const}$ .

**Corollary 2.** *Dirichlet problem*

$$\Delta_A u(z) = 0, \quad z \in G, \quad u \in h_A(G) \bigcap C(\bar{G}), \quad u|_{\partial G} = \varphi, \quad \varphi \in C(\partial G)$$

has a unique solution.

**Theorem 8.** (*analogue of the Harnac's see [7]*). A monotone sequence of harmonic functions  $u_j \in h_A(D)$  either uniformly (inside  $D$ ) converges to infinity, or uniformly converges to some harmonic function  $u \in h_A(D)$ .

## 2 Class of $A(z)$ –subharmonic functions

In this section, we have devoted to the study of some properties of subharmonic functions.

**Definition 2.** A function  $u : D \rightarrow [-\infty; \infty)$  is said to be  $A(z)$  –subharmonic in a convex domain  $G \subset \mathbb{C}$  if it satisfies the following two conditions:

1)  $u(z)$  is upper semicontinuous, i.e.  $\forall z_0 \in G$  there is an inequality

$$\overline{\lim}_{w \rightarrow z_0} u(w) \leq u(z_0), \quad (9)$$

(It follows that the function is bounded from above on any compact subset of the domain  $G$ );

2) for each point  $\forall z_0 \in G$  there is a number  $r(z_0) > 0$  such that  $r < r(z_0)$  the inequality holds for all

$$u(z_0) \leq \frac{1}{2\pi r} \oint_{|\psi(\xi, z_0)|=r} u(\xi) |d\xi + A(\xi)d\bar{\xi}|, \quad (10)$$

where is the function

$$\psi(\xi, z_0) = \xi - z_0 + \overline{\int_{\gamma(\xi, z_0)} \bar{A}(\tau) d\tau}$$

for a convex domain  $G \subset \mathbb{C}$  exists and has a unique zero at a point  $z_0$  (see [9]).

A function  $u : D \rightarrow [-\infty; \infty)$  is called  $A(z)$ –subharmonic in an arbitrary domain  $D$ , if it is  $A(z)$ –subharmonic in any convex subdomain  $G \subset D$ . The class of  $A(z)$ –subharmonic functions in the domain  $D$  is denoted by  $sh_A(D)$ . In what follows, for convenience, the trivial function  $u \equiv -\infty$  will also be included in  $sh_A(D)$ . Let us present some simple properties  $A(z)$ –of subharmonic functions. The following 4 properties are directly obtained from the definition.

1) a linear combination of  $A(z)$ –subharmonic functions with non-negative coefficients is a  $A(z)$ –subharmonic function:

$$u_j \in sh_A(D), c_j \geq 0 \ (j = 1, 2, \dots, m) \Rightarrow c_1 u_1 + \dots + c_m u_m \in sh_A(D);$$

2) the maximum of a finite number of  $A(z)$ –subharmonic functions is also  $A(z)$ –subharmonic:

$$u_j \in sh_A(D), (j = 1, 2, \dots, m) \Rightarrow u(z) := \max \{u_1(z), \dots, u_m(z)\} \in sh_A(D);$$

3) the limit of a monotonically decreasing sequence  $A(z)$ –of subharmonic functions is  $A(z)$ –subharmonic:

$$u_j \in sh_A(D), u_j(z) \geq u_{j+1}(z) \Rightarrow u(z) := \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} u_j(z) \in sh_A(D);$$

4) a uniformly descending sequence of  $A(z)$ –subharmonic functions converges to a subharmonic function:

$$u_j \in sh_A(D), u_j \rightrightarrows u \Rightarrow u \in sh_A(D);$$

Let us prove further properties

5) (maximum principle, see [6]). Let be  $u \in sh_A(D)$  and at some point  $z_0 \in D$  it reaches its maximum, then  $u|_D \equiv \text{const}$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\exists z_0 \in D : u(z_0) = \sup_{z \in D} \{u(z)\}$ . Consider the set

$$M := \{z \in D : u(z) = u(z_0)\}.$$

Then  $z_0 \in M$  and from the semicontinuity  $u(z)$  in  $D$  a bunch of  $M$  closed in  $D$ . From the definition of a  $A(z)$ –subharmonic function for an arbitrary fixed  $w \in M$ , we have

$$u(z_0) = u(w) \leq \frac{1}{2\pi r} \oint_{|\psi(\xi, w)|=r} u(\xi) |d\xi + A(\xi)d\bar{\xi}| \leq u(z_0), \forall r \leq r(z_0).$$

Hence it follows that  $u|_{\partial L(w, r)} \equiv u(z_0)$ , because if  $\exists \xi \in \partial L(p, r) : u(\xi) < u(z_0)$ , then from semi-continuity  $u(z) < u(z_0)$  in some non-empty open piece  $\lambda \subset \partial L(w, r)$ , which would contradict the equality  $u(w) = u(z_0)$ . And so

$$u|_{\partial L(w, r)} \equiv u(z_0), \forall 0 < r \leq r(z_0)$$

and  $u|_{L(w, r)} \equiv u(z_0)$ . Hence,  $w \in M$  is an interior point and  $M$  is an open set in  $D$ . Mean  $M = D$ . Property 5 is proved.  $\square$

6) if for functions  $v \in sh_A(D)$ ,  $u \in h_A(D)$  their narrowing on the border of the domain  $G \subset\subset D$  satisfy the inequality  $v|_{\partial G} \leq u|_{\partial G}$ , then the inequality holds  $v|_G \leq u|_G$ . The proof simply follows from the maximum principle applied to the difference  $u - v$ . 7) if at the border  $\partial D$  given a continuous function  $\varphi \in C(\partial D)$ , then in the class

$$U = \{v \in sh_A(D) \cap C(D) : u|_{\partial D} \equiv \varphi\}$$

$A(z)$ –harmonic function  $u : u|_{\partial D} = \varphi$  satisfies the maximum condition, i.e.

$$u(z) \geq v(z), \forall z \in D, \forall v \in U.$$

8) For  $A(z)$ –a subharmonic function  $v \in sh_A(D)$ , where  $D \subset \mathbb{C}$  is a convex domain, the second condition (10), which was originally required for sufficiently small  $r < r(z_0)$ , is satisfied for all  $r : L(z_0, r) \subset\subset D$ .

*Proof.* The existence of a decreasing sequence follows  $\varphi_j \in C(\partial L(z_0, r)) : \varphi_j \downarrow v|_{\partial L(z_0, r)}$  from the upper semicontinuity at the boundary of the lemniscate  $\partial L(z_0, r)$ . Let us construct  $A(z)$ –harmonic function  $u_j$  in the lemniscate  $L(z_0, r)$  with the boundary value  $u_j|_{\partial L(z_0, r)} = \varphi_j$ . Since  $\varphi_j \geq v|_{\partial L(z_0, r)}$ , then according to property 6 implies that

$$u_j|_{L(z_0, r)} \geq v|_{L(z_0, r)}.$$

We have

$$v(z_0) \leq u_j(z_0) = \frac{1}{2\pi r} \oint_{|\psi(z_0, \xi)|=r} u_j(\xi) |d\xi + A(\xi) d\bar{\xi}| = \frac{1}{2\pi r} \oint_{|\psi(z_0, \xi)|=r} \varphi_j(\xi) |d\xi + A(\xi) d\bar{\xi}|$$

which  $j \rightarrow \infty$  gives us

$$v(z_0) \leq \frac{1}{2\pi r} \oint_{|\psi(z_0, \xi)|=r} v(\xi) |d\xi + A(\xi) d\bar{\xi}|.$$

The proposition is proved. □

If

$$\{u_1(z), u_2(z), \dots, u_N(z)\} \subset sh_A(D)$$

is a finite family of  $A(z)$ –subharmonic in  $D \subset \mathbb{C}$  functions, then

$$u(z) = \sup\{u_1(z), u_2(z), \dots, u_N(z)\}$$

is a  $A(z)$ –subharmonic function. The situation is different when we consider an arbitrary family of  $\{u_\alpha(z)\}$ ,  $\alpha \in \Lambda$  subharmonic functions. In this case, it is necessary to require  $u(z) = \sup_{\alpha \in \Lambda} \{u_\alpha(z)\}$  was locally bounded, which is the same  $\{u_\alpha(z)\}$  locally uniformly bounded.

**Theorem 9.** Let  $\{u_\alpha(z)\}$ ,  $\alpha \in \Lambda$ , be an arbitrary locally uniformly bounded family of  $A(z)$ –subharmonic functions and  $u(z) = \sup_{\alpha \in \Lambda} \{u_\alpha(z)\}$ . Then the regularization

$$u^*(z) := \overline{\lim}_{w \rightarrow z} u(w)$$

is an  $A(z)$ –subharmonic function in  $D$ . Further, if  $\{u_j(z)\}$  is a sequence of locally uniformly bounded  $A(z)$ –subharmonic functions and

$$u(z) = \overline{\lim}_{j \rightarrow \infty} u_j(z),$$

then  $u^*(z)$  is an  $A(z)$ –subharmonic function.

*Proof.* We fix an arbitrary convex domain  $G \subset D$  and, as usual, construct a function  $\psi(z, \xi)$  in  $G$ . For each function  $u_\alpha(z)$ ,  $\alpha \in \Lambda$ , from the definition of a  $A(z)$ –subharmonic function we have

$$\begin{aligned} u_\alpha(z) &\leq \frac{1}{2\pi r} \int_{|\psi(z, \xi)|=r} u_\alpha(\xi) |d\xi + A(\xi) d\bar{\xi}| = \left[ \begin{cases} \psi(a, \xi) = \psi(a, z) + \psi(z, \xi) \\ \psi(z) := \psi(a, z) \\ \xi = z + \psi^{-1}(z, \xi) \end{cases} \right] = \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi r} \int_{|\psi(a, z)|=r} u_\alpha(z + \psi^{-1}(z, \xi)) |d\xi + A(\xi) d\bar{\xi}|, \end{aligned}$$

where  $r < r_0 : L(z, r_0) \subset \subset G$ . Hence,  $u(z) \leq \frac{1}{2\pi r} \int_{|\psi(a, z)|=r} u_\alpha(z + \psi^{-1}(z, \xi)) |d\xi + A(\xi) d\bar{\xi}|$ .

Let us write this inequality for any  $w \in L(z, \delta)$ , where  $\delta > 0$  such that  $r + \delta < r_0$ :

$$u(w) \leq \frac{1}{2\pi r} \int_{|\psi(a, z)|=r} u_\alpha(w + \psi^{-1}(z, \xi)) |d\xi + A(\xi) d\bar{\xi}|.$$

If we take a regularization on both sides, then

$$\overline{\lim}_{w \rightarrow z} u(z) \leq \frac{1}{2\pi r} \int_{|\psi(a, z)|=r} \overline{\lim}_{w \rightarrow z} u_\alpha(w + \psi^{-1}(z, \xi)) |d\xi + A(\xi) d\bar{\xi}|.$$

And we'll get that

$$u^*(z) \leq \frac{1}{2\pi r} \int_{|\psi(a, z)|=r} u^*(z + \psi^{-1}(z, \xi)) |d\xi + A(\xi) d\bar{\xi}| = \frac{1}{2\pi r} \int_{|\psi(z, \xi)|=r} u^*(\xi) |d\xi + A(\xi) d\bar{\xi}|,$$

which proves the  $A(z)$ –subharmonicity  $u^*$  in  $G$  and since  $G \subset D$ –arbitrary, then  $u^*$  is  $A(z)$ –subharmonic in  $D$ . The second part of the Theorem, for a sequence of locally uniformly bounded  $A(z)$ –subharmonic functions, the proof is similar to the previous one. The theorem is proved.  $\square$



### 3 Perron method

Let us be given a bounded domain  $D = \left\{ z \in \mathbb{C} : |A(z)| \leq 1, \sup_z |A(z)| \leq 1 \right\} \subset \mathbb{C}$  and  $G \subset\subset D$  a function  $\varphi \in C(\partial G)$ . The classical internal Dirichlet problem is that find function  $\omega \in h_A(D) \cap C(D)$ ,  $\omega|_{\partial D} = \varphi|_{\partial D}$ . From the maximum principle for  $A(z)$ -harmonic functions, it immediately follows that if a solution to the Dirichlet problem exists, then it is unique. In one particular case, when the domain  $L(z_0, r) \subset\subset G$  lemniscate, in the section 1 the solution was constructed constructively, explicitly by the Poisson integral. To solve the Dirichlet problem in a convex domain  $G \subset \mathbb{C}$  we use the well-known Perron method. We consider it a very convenient apparatus in potential theory and in the theory of harmonic functions; perhaps the method is very useful in other boundary value problems of elliptic equations. For a given continuous function,  $\varphi \in C(\partial G)$  we set

$$U_A(\varphi, G) = \left\{ u \in sh_A(G) : \overline{\lim}_{z \rightarrow \xi \in \partial D} u(\xi) \leq \varphi(\xi) \right\}, \quad \omega(z) := \sup \{ u(z) : u \in U_A(\varphi, G) \}.$$

**Theorem 10.** *Function  $\omega(z) \in h_A(G)$  and it coincides with its regularization i.e.*

$$\omega(z) = \omega^*(z), \forall z \in G.$$

*Proof.* As  $\varphi \in C(\partial G)$  and the norm  $\|\varphi\|_{\partial G}$  is bounded by a constant  $M > 0$ , then by the maximum principle, each function  $u \in U_A(\varphi, G)$  bounded from above  $u(z) \leq M$  therefore,  $\omega^*|_G \leq M$ . According to an analog of the Choquet Lemma, there exists a countable family of functions

$$u_j \in U_A(\varphi, G) : u^*(z) = (\sup \{ u_j(z) : j \in \mathbb{N} \})^* = \omega^*(z).$$

The sequence  $\omega_j(z) = \max \{ u_1(z), u_2(z), \dots, u_j(z) \}$  is an increasing sequence of  $A$ -subharmonic functions, and  $\omega_j \in U_A(\varphi, G)$ ,  $\omega_{j+1}(z) \geq \omega_j(z)$ ,  $\omega_j(z) \xrightarrow{j \rightarrow \infty} \omega(z)$ . We fix  $L(z_0, r) \subset\subset G$  and  $A(z)$ -harmonize in  $L(z_0, r)$ , i.e.

$$\tilde{\omega}_j(z) = \begin{cases} \int_{|\psi(\xi, z_0)|=r} w_j(\xi) \frac{R^2 - |\psi(z, z_0)|^2}{|\psi(\xi, z)|^2} |d\xi + A(\xi) d\bar{\xi}|, & z \in L(z_0, r) \\ \omega_j(z), & z \in G \setminus L(z_0, r) \end{cases}.$$

Then we find

$$\tilde{\omega}_j \in sh_A(G) \cap h_A(L(z_0, r))$$

such that it follows that

$$\tilde{\omega}_j(z) \geq \omega_j(z), \forall z \in L(z_0, r)$$

and

$$\tilde{\omega}_j(z) \uparrow \omega_j(z), \forall z \in G \setminus L(z_0, r).$$

Since, in addition  $u(z) \leq M$ , then by analogy with Harnack's theorem (see theorem 8)  $u \in h_A(L(z_0, r))$ . Therefore  $u \in h_A(G)$ , because  $L(z_0, r) \subset\subset G$ —arbitrary. The obvious inequality  $u(z) \leq \omega(z)$  also  $\omega|_G = \omega^*|_G$  implies

$$\omega^*(z) = u^*(z) \leq \omega(z) \leq \omega^*(z), \forall z \in G.$$

The theorem is proved.  $\square$

Function coincidence  $\omega(z)$  at the boundary  $\partial G$  with a given function  $\varphi(\xi)$  depends on the property  $\partial G$ , on the regularity of the domain  $G$ .

**Definition 3.** We say that a domain  $G \subset \mathbb{C}$  has a global  $A(z)$ —barrier at  $\xi_0 \in \partial G$  if it exists  $b \in sh_A(G)$  such that

$$\lim_{\substack{z \rightarrow \xi_0 \\ z \in G}} b(z) = 0, \sup \{b(z) : z \in G \setminus L(\xi_0, r)\} < 0, \forall r > 0 : L(\xi_0, r) \subset G.$$

Domain  $G \subset \mathbb{C}$  called has local  $A(z)$ —barrier at a point  $\xi_0 \in \partial G$  if there exists a lemniscate  $L(\xi_0, r) \subset D$  such that the intersection  $L(\xi_0, r) \cap G$  has global barrier.

**Proposition 1.** If the domain  $G$  has a local barrier at the point  $\xi_0 \in \partial G$  then the domain  $G$  has a  $A(z)$ —global barrier at that point.

*Proof.*  $\exists L(\xi_0, R) \subset D$  such that  $G \cap L(\xi_0, R)$  has a global  $A(z)$ —barrier at  $\xi_0$ , i.e.  $\exists a \in sh_A(G \cap L(\xi_0, R)) : \lim_{\substack{z \rightarrow \xi_0 \\ z \in G \cap L(\xi_0, R)}} a(z) = 0$  and

$$\sup \{a(z) : z \in G, r < |\psi(\xi_0, z)| < R\} < 0, \forall r < R.$$

We fix  $\delta \in (0; r)$  and consider following  $A(z)$ —subharmonic function in  $D$ :  $l(z) = \frac{1}{2} |\sup \{b(z) : z \in G, \delta < |\psi(\xi_0, z)| < R\}| \frac{\ln \frac{|\psi(z, \xi_0)|}{R}}{\ln \frac{R}{\delta}}$ . Then  $l|_{\partial L(\xi_0, \delta)} > a|_{\partial L(\xi_0, \delta)}$ . As

$$\lim_{\substack{z \rightarrow \xi_0 \\ z \in G \cap L(\xi_0, R)}} a(z) = 0$$

and  $l(\xi_0) = -\infty$ , then there exists  $0 < \varepsilon < \delta$  such that  $l|_{\partial L(\xi_0, \varepsilon)} < a|_{\partial L(\xi_0, \varepsilon)}$ . Then it is

easy to check that the function  $b(z) = \begin{cases} a(z), & z \in G \cap L(\xi_0, \delta) \\ \max \{a(z), l(z)\}, & z \in G \cap \{L(\xi_0, \varepsilon) \setminus L(\xi_0, \delta)\} \\ l(z), & z \in G \setminus L(\xi_0, \varepsilon) \end{cases}$

is  $A(z)$ —barrier at the point  $\xi_0$ . The proposition is proved.  $\square$

It follows that the local  $A(z)$ —barrier and the global  $A(z)$ —barrier are equivalent.

**Theorem 11.** If the domain  $G$  has a point  $\xi_0 \in \partial G$   $A(z)$ —barrier, then

$$\lim_{\substack{z \rightarrow \xi_0 \\ z \in G}} \omega(z) = \varphi(\xi_0).$$

*Proof.* Set  $M = \|\varphi\|_{\partial D}$  and fix  $\varepsilon > 0$ . From continuity  $\varphi \in C(\partial G)$ , there exists  $\delta > 0 : |\varphi(\xi) - \varphi(\xi_0)| < \varepsilon$ ,  $\xi \in \partial G \cap L(\xi_0, \delta)$ . Since at the point  $\xi_0 \in \partial G$  there is a  $A$ -barrier, then there  $b \in sh_A(G)$  is one such that

$$\lim_{\substack{z \rightarrow \xi_0 \\ z \in G}} b(z) = 0, \sup \{b(z) : z \in G \setminus L(\xi_0, \varepsilon)\} = \lambda(\varepsilon) < 0.$$

Let us estimate the boundary values of the function

$$v_\varepsilon(z) = \varphi(\xi_0) - \varepsilon - \frac{b(z)}{\lambda(\varepsilon)} (M + \varphi(\xi_0)).$$

If  $\xi \in \partial G \cap L(\xi_0, \delta)$ , then

$$\overline{\lim}_{\substack{z \rightarrow \xi \\ z \in D}} v_\varepsilon(z) \leq -\varepsilon + \varphi(\xi_0) \leq \varphi(\xi).$$

If  $\xi \in \partial G \setminus L(\xi_0, \delta)$ , then

$$\overline{\lim}_{\substack{z \rightarrow \xi \\ z \in G}} v_\varepsilon(z) \leq -\varepsilon + \varphi(\xi_0) - M - \varphi(\xi_0) \leq \varphi(\xi).$$

Hence,  $\overline{\lim}_{\substack{z \rightarrow \xi \\ z \in G}} v_\varepsilon(z) \leq \varphi(\xi)$ ,  $\forall \xi \in \partial G$  and  $v_\varepsilon \in U_A(\varphi, G)$ . Hence  $v_\varepsilon(z) \leq \omega(z)$  and

$$\underline{\lim}_{\substack{z \rightarrow \xi_0 \\ z \in G}} \omega(z) \geq \underline{\lim}_{\substack{z \rightarrow \xi_0 \\ z \in G}} v_\varepsilon(z) = -\varepsilon + \varphi(\xi_0),$$

which at  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0+$  gives

$$\underline{\lim}_{\substack{z \rightarrow \xi_0 \\ z \in G}} \omega(z) \geq \varphi(\xi_0). \quad (11)$$

To prove the reverse inequality, we fix  $u \in U_A(\varphi, G)$  and consider the sum

$$u(z) + w_\varepsilon(z) \in sh_A(G),$$

where  $v_\varepsilon(z) = -\varphi(\xi_0) - \varepsilon - \frac{b(z)}{\lambda(\varepsilon)} (M - \varphi(\xi_0))$ .

We have

$$\overline{\lim}_{\substack{z \rightarrow \xi \\ z \in G}} [u(z) + w_\varepsilon(z)] \leq \overline{\lim}_{\substack{z \rightarrow \xi \\ z \in G}} u(z) + \overline{\lim}_{\substack{z \rightarrow \xi \\ z \in G}} w_\varepsilon(z).$$

If  $\xi \in \partial G \cap L(\xi_0, \delta)$ , now then

$$\overline{\lim}_{\substack{z \rightarrow \xi \\ z \in G}} v_\varepsilon(z) \leq -\varepsilon - \varphi(\xi_0) \leq -\varphi(\xi).$$

If  $\xi \in \partial G \setminus L(\xi_0, \delta)$ , then

$$\overline{\lim}_{\substack{z \rightarrow \xi \\ z \in G}} v_\varepsilon(z) \leq -\varepsilon - \varphi(\xi_0) - (M - \varphi(\xi_0)) \leq -\varepsilon - M \leq -\varphi(\xi).$$

From here

$$u + w_\varepsilon|_{\partial G} \leq 0$$

and according to the principle of maximum

$$u + w_\varepsilon|_G \leq 0,$$

i.e.

$$u|_G \leq -w_\varepsilon|_G$$

. Since it is  $u \in U_A(\varphi, G)$  –arbitrary, then

$$\omega|_G \leq -w_\varepsilon|_G.$$

Hence,  $\overline{\lim}_{\substack{z \rightarrow \xi_0 \\ z \in G}} \omega(z) \leq \overline{\lim}_{\substack{z \rightarrow \xi_0 \\ z \in G}} [-w_\varepsilon(z)] = \varepsilon + \varphi(\xi_0)$  and when  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0+$  we get

$$\overline{\lim}_{\substack{z \rightarrow \xi_0 \\ z \in G}} \omega(z) \leq \varphi(\xi_0). \quad (12)$$

Combining this with (10) we arrive at  $\lim_{\substack{z \rightarrow \xi_0 \\ z \in G}} \omega(z) = \varphi(\xi_0)$ . The theorem is proved.  $\square$

**Corollary 3.** . If the domain  $G \subset D$  has a  $A(z)$ –barrier at all boundary points  $\xi \in \partial G$  then the Dirichlet problem of the equation

$$\begin{cases} \Delta_A u = 0 \\ u|_{\partial G} = \varphi(\xi) \end{cases}$$

always (for any function  $\forall \varphi \in C(\partial D)$ ) has a solution  $u \in h_A(G) \cap C(\bar{G})$ , and this solution is unique.

**Definition 4.** A domain  $G \subset D$  is called  $A(z)$ –regular domain if it contains a negative  $A(z)$ –subharmonic function  $\rho \in sh_A(G)$  such that

$$\rho|_G < 0, \quad \lim_{z \rightarrow \xi \in \partial G} \rho(z) = 0.$$

Here the last condition means that for any number the  $c < 0$  set  $\{z \in G : \rho(z) \leq c\}$  is a compact set in  $D$ .

The following theorem shows that there is a close relationship between  $A(z)$ –regularity and  $A(z)$ –barrier in domains.

**Theorem 12.** The region  $G$  has a barrier at every point  $\xi \in \partial G$  if and only if domain  $G$  is  $A(z)$ –regular.

*Proof.* Let the domain  $G$  have a barrier at each point  $\xi \in \partial G$ . We fix a point  $w \in G$  and a function  $\frac{1}{2\pi} \ln |\psi(\xi, w)|$ ,  $\xi \in \partial G$ . According to the Dirichlet problem  $\Delta_A u(z) = 0$ ,  $u|_{\partial G} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \ln |\psi(\xi, w)|$  has a unique solution

$$u_w \in h_A(G) \cap C(\overline{G}).$$

Then  $\frac{1}{2\pi} \ln |\psi(z, w)| - u_w(z)$  is the defining,  $A(z)$ -subharmonic exhaustion function of the domain  $G$ , i.e.

$$\frac{1}{2\pi} \ln |\psi(\xi, z)| - u_z(\xi) \in sh_A(G)$$

and

$$G = \left\{ z \in D : \frac{1}{2\pi} \ln |\psi(\xi, z)| - u_z(\xi) < 0 \right\}.$$

Let us  $G$  is an  $A(z)$ -regular and  $\rho \in sh_A(G)$ ,  $\rho|_G < 0$ ,  $\lim_{z \rightarrow \xi \in \partial G} \rho(z) = 0$ . We fix  $\xi_0 \in \partial G$  and put  $\varphi(\xi) = |\varphi(\xi, \xi_0)|^2$ ,  $\xi \in \partial G$ . Let's build a function  $\omega(z)$ . By Theorem 10, it is harmonic in  $G$ . Since the function  $v(z) = |\psi(z, \xi_0)|^2$ ,  $z \in G$  belongs to the class  $U_A(\varphi, D)$ , then  $\omega(z) \geq |\psi(z, \xi_0)|^2$ . Therefore, the function  $b(z) = -\omega(z)$  satisfies the sup  $\{b(z) : z \in G \setminus L(\xi_0, r)\} < 0$ ,  $\forall r > 0 : L(\xi_0, r) \subset G$  barrier function condition. It remains to prove the condition

$$\lim_{\substack{z \rightarrow \xi_0 \\ z \in G}} b(z) = 0.$$

Fixing the lemniscate  $L = L(\xi_0, r) \subset D$  and compact  $K \subset \partial L \cap G$ . Then  $\rho_0 := \max_K \rho(z) < 0$ . Let  $M := \max_{\partial G} |\psi(z, \xi_0)|^2$  and

$$\phi(\xi) := \begin{cases} M, & z \in (\partial L \cap G) \setminus K \\ 0, & z \in (\partial L \cap G) \cup K \end{cases}$$

We take the Poisson integral

$$u(z) := \int_{\partial L} \phi(\xi) \Pi(\xi, z) |d\xi + A(\xi) d\bar{\xi}|, \forall z \in L.$$

Then  $u \in h_A(L)$ ,  $0 \leq u(z) \leq M$  and

$$u(\xi_0) = \frac{1}{2\pi r} \int_{\partial L} \phi(\xi) |d\xi + A(\xi) d\bar{\xi}| = \frac{1}{2\pi r} \int_{K'} \phi(\xi) |d\xi + A(\xi) d\bar{\xi}| = \frac{M\mu(K')}{2\pi r},$$

where  $K' = (\partial L \cap G) \setminus K$ , and  $\mu(K') := \int_{K'} |d\xi + A(\xi) d\bar{\xi}|$  is  $\mu$  measure of the set  $K'$ . In addition, the boundary function  $\phi(\xi) \equiv M$  on the open piece  $K' = (\partial L \cap G) \setminus K$ . Therefore,  $u|_{K'} \equiv M$ . We fix  $w \in U_A(\varphi, G)$  and take the auxiliary  $A(z)$ -subharmonic into  $L \cap G$  the function  $f(z) = -r^2 + \frac{\rho(z)}{|\rho_0|} M - u(z)$ . Let us

show that  $\overline{\lim}_{\substack{z \rightarrow \xi \\ z \in L \cap G}} [w(z) + f(z)] \leq 0, \forall \xi \in \partial(L \cap G)$ , from which it follows that  $w(z) + f(z) \leq 0$  in  $L \cap G$ . At  $\xi \in \bar{L} \cap \partial G$  we have

$$\overline{\lim}_{\substack{z \rightarrow \xi \\ z \in L \cap G}} [w(z) + f(z)] \leq \overline{\lim}_{\substack{z \rightarrow \xi \\ z \in L \cap G}} w(z) + \overline{\lim}_{\substack{z \rightarrow \xi \\ z \in L \cap G}} f(z) \leq \phi(\xi) - r^2 - u(\xi) = |\psi(\xi, \xi_0)| - r^2 \leq 0.$$

When  $\xi \in K'$ , so

$$\overline{\lim}_{\substack{z \rightarrow \xi \\ z \in L \cap G}} w(z) + \overline{\lim}_{\substack{z \rightarrow \xi \\ z \in L \cap G}} f(z) \leq M + \overline{\lim}_{\substack{z \rightarrow \xi \\ z \in L \cap G}} [-u(z)] = M - M = 0$$

and finally, if  $\xi \in K$ , then

$$\overline{\lim}_{\substack{z \rightarrow \xi \\ z \in L \cap G}} w(z) + \overline{\lim}_{\substack{z \rightarrow \xi \\ z \in L \cap G}} f(z) \leq M + \overline{\lim}_{\substack{z \rightarrow \xi \\ z \in L \cap G}} \frac{\rho(z)}{|\rho_0|} M = M - M = 0.$$

Thus,  $w(z) + f(z) \leq 0$  in  $L \cap G$  and since  $w \in U_A(\varphi, G)$  is arbitrary, then  $\omega(z) + f(z) \leq 0$  on  $L \cap G$ . Hence it follows that

$$\overline{\lim}_{\substack{z \rightarrow \xi \\ z \in G}} \omega(z) \leq -\overline{\lim}_{\substack{z \rightarrow \xi \\ z \in G}} f(z) \leq -(-r^2 - u(\xi_0)) = r^2 + \frac{M\mu(K')}{2\pi r}.$$

Choosing piece  $K' = (\partial L \cap G) \setminus K$  so small that

$$\frac{M\mu(K')}{2\pi r} < r^2.$$

Then

$$0 \leq \overline{\lim}_{\substack{z \rightarrow \xi \\ z \in G}} \omega(z) \leq 2r^2$$

and for  $r \rightarrow +0$  we get

$$\lim_{\substack{z \rightarrow \xi \\ z \in G}} \omega(z) = 0.$$

The theorem is proved . □

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