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SMOOTHNESS PROPERTIES OF FUNCTIONS IN R² (X) AT CERTAIN BOUNDARY POINTS

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<u>ABSTRACT</u>. Let X be a compact subset of the complex plane &fmullet. We denote by $R_0(X)$ the algebra consisting of the (restrictions to X of) rational functions with poles off X. Let m denote 2-dimensional Lebesgue measure. For $p \ge 1$, let $R^p(X)$ be the closure of $R_0(X)$ in $L^p(X,dm)$.

In this paper, we consider the case p = 2. Let $x \in \partial X$ be both a bounded point evaluation for $R^2(X)$ and the vertex of a sector contained in Int X. Let L be a line which passes through x and bisects the sector. For those $y \in L \cap X$ that are sufficiently near x we prove statements about |f(y) - f(x)| for all $f \in R^2(X)$.

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1. INTRODUCTION.

Let X be a compact subset of the complex plane \oint . We denote by $R_0(X)$ the algebra consisting of the (restrictions to X of) rational functions with poles off X. Let m denote 2-dimensional Lebesgue measure. For $p \ge 1$, let $L^p(X) = L^p(X,dm)$. The closure of $R_0(X)$ in $L^p(X)$ will be denoted by $R^p(X)$. Whenever p and q both appear, we will assume that $p^{-1} + q^{-1} = 1$.

In "Bounded point evaluations and smoothness properties of functions in $\mathbb{R}^{p}(X)$ ", [6, p. 76], we proved the following:

THEOREM 1.1. Let ϕ be an admissible function and s a nonnegative integer. Suppose that p > 2 and that there is an $x \in X$ represented by a function $g \in L^q(X)$ such that $(z-x)^{-s}\phi(|z-x|)^{-1}g \in L^q(X)$. Then for every $\varepsilon > 0$ there is a set E in X having full area density at x such that for every $f \in R^p(X)$

(i)
$$f = \sum_{j=0}^{S} (D_x^j f) (z-x)^j + R$$
 where $R \in R^p(X)$ satisfies
(ii) $|R(y)| \le \varepsilon |y-x|^s \phi (|y-x|) ||f||_p$ for all $y \in E$, and
(iii) app $\lim_{y \to x} \frac{R(y)}{|y-x|^s \phi (|y-x|)} = 0.$

It is natural to ask whether a similar result holds for the case p = 2. The problem in extending the proof of Theorem 1.1 to the case p = 2 is that $z^{-1} \notin L^2_{loc}$. Fernström and Polking have shown at least one way in which the case p > 2 differs from p = 2 [2, pp. 5-9]. They have constructed a compact set X such that $R^2(X) \neq L^2(X)$ but no point in X is a bounded point evaluation for $R^2(X)$. In this paper we consider the case p = 2 when $x \in \partial X$ is a bounded point evaluation for $R^2(X)$ and is a special kind of boundary point. We will assume that $x \in \partial X$ is the vertex of a sector contained in Int X. To prove our theorem we will need the representing functions used in [6] and a capacity defined in terms of a Bessel kernel. We will also use results of Fernström and Polking to construct a representing function for x with support outside the sector mentioned above.

2. REPRESENTING FUNCTIONS.

In this paper z will denote the identity function.

DEFINITION 2.1. A point $x \in X$ is a <u>bounded point evaluation</u> (BPE) for $R^{2}(X) \subset L^{2}(X)$ if there is a constant C such that

$$|f(\mathbf{x})| \leq C\{\int |f|^2 dm\}^{1/2}$$
 for all $f \in \mathbb{R}^2(X)$.

It follows from the Riesz representation theorem that if $x \in X$ is a BPE for $R^2(X)$ then there is a function $g \in L^2(X)$ such that $f(x) = \int fg \, dm$ for all $f \in R^2(X)$. Such a g is called a <u>representing function for</u> x.

DEFINITION 2.2. We define the Cauchy transform of g to be

$$\hat{g}(y) = \int (z-y)^{-1} g \, dm$$

for each y such that
$$\int |z-y|^{-1} |g| dm < \infty$$

The following lemma was proved by Bishop for the sup norm case. The proof for our case is similar and is found in [6, p. 73].

LEMMA 2.1. Suppose that $g \in L^2(X)$ and that $\int fg \, dm = 0$ for all $f \in R^2(X)$. Suppose that $\hat{g}(y)$ is defined and $\frac{1}{7}$ 0 and that $(z-y)^{-1}g \in L^2(X)$. Then $\hat{g}(y)^{-1}(z-y)^{-1}g$ is a representing function for y.

Let $c(y) = \int (z-x)(z-y)^{-1}g \, dm = 1 + (y-x)\hat{g}(y)$. From the above lemma there follows

COROLLARY 2.1. Let $g \in L^2(X)$ be a representing function for $x \in X$. Then $c(y)^{-1}(z-x)(z-y)^{-1}g$ is a representing function for y whenever c(y) is defined and $\frac{1}{7}$ 0, and $(z-y)^{-1}g \in L^2(X)$.

3. CAPACITY DEFINED USING A BESSEL KERNEL.

Denote the Bessel kernel of order 1 by G_1 where G_1 is defined in terms of its Fourier transform by

$$\hat{G}_{1}(z) = (1+|z|^{2})^{-1/2}$$

For f ϵ L²(C) we define the potential

 $U_1^{f}(z) = \int G_1(z-y)f(y)dm(y).$

DEFINITION. L_1^2 denotes the space of functions U_1^f , $f \in L^2$, where the norm is defined by $||U_1^f|| = ||f||_2$.

DEFINITION. L_1^2 is the Sobolev space of functions in L^2 whose distribution derivatives of order 1 are functions in L^2 .

The Calderón-Zygmund theory shows that \mathcal{L}_1^2 equals the space of functions L_1^2 and that the norms are equivalent [4].

We recall the definition of the capacity Γ_2 .

DEFINITION. Let $E \subset c$ be an arbitrary set. Then $\Gamma_2(E) = \inf_{\omega} \int |\operatorname{grad} \omega|^2 dm$ where the infimum is taken over all $\omega \in L_1^2$ such that $\omega \geq 1$ on E. Hedberg has used this capacity to characterize BPE's for $\mathbb{R}^2(X)$ [3]. The next theorem is proved in [6, p. 82].

THEOREM 3.1. Let $0 \in X$ be a BPE for $R^2(X)$ that is represented by a function $v \in L^2(X)$. Suppose that ϕ is an admissible function such that $\phi(|z|)^{-1}v \in L^2(X)$. Then $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 2^{2n}\phi(2^{-n})^{-2}\Gamma_2(A_n \setminus X) < \infty$.

REMARK. The theorem is, in fact, true if ϕ is any positive nondecreasing function defined on $(0,\infty)$.

Now we define the Bessel capacity which Fernström and Polking use to describe BPE's for $R^2(X)$.

DEFINITION. Let $E \subset \varphi$ be an arbitrary set. Then $C_{1,2}(E) = \inf \int |f|^2 dm$ where the infimum is taken over all $f \in L^2(\varphi)$ such that $f(z) \ge 0$ and $U_1^f(z) \ge 1$ for all $z \in E$.

The equivalence of the norms on \mathcal{L}_1^2 and L_1^2 implies that the capacities Γ_2 and $C_{1,2}$ are equivalent.

4. <u>A FUNDAMENTAL SOLUTION FOR</u> $\frac{\partial}{\partial \overline{z}}$

We will use $\beta = (\beta_1, \beta_2)$ to denote a double index that may be (0,0), (0,1), or (1,0). We set $|\beta| = \beta_1 + \beta_2$. Letting z = x + iy, we denote the first order partial derivatives by

$$D^{\beta} = \frac{\partial^{\beta} 1}{\partial x^{\beta} 1} \frac{\partial^{\beta} 2}{\partial y^{\beta} 2} .$$

The differential operator $\frac{\partial}{\partial \overline{x}} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial y}$ has the function H(w,z) = $\frac{1}{\pi} \left(\frac{1}{z-w}\right) \text{ as a bi-regular fundamental solution. Hence } \frac{\partial}{\partial \overline{z}} H(z,w) = \delta_{w} \text{ and } \delta_{z} \text{ is the formal adjoint of } \frac{\partial}{\partial \overline{z}} \text{ and } \delta_{z} \text{ is the formal adjoint of } \frac{\partial}{\partial \overline{z}} = 0$ Dirac measure supported at z. We note that for $\beta = (0,0)$, (0,1), (1,0)

$$|D^{\beta}H(0,z)| \leq \frac{1}{\pi} |z|^{-1-|\beta|}, z \neq 0.$$

The next lemma links BPE's to the function H(w,z). A proof which includes this as a special case is in [2, p. 3].

LEMMA 4.1. A point $z_0 \in X$ is a BPE for $R^2(X) \subset L^2(X)$ if and only if there is a function $f \in L^2_{1,loc}(\mathbf{c})$, such that $f(z) = \frac{1}{\pi}(\frac{1}{z-z_0})$ for all zε¢\X.

The next lemma we need is proved by Fernström and Polking in [2, pp. 13-15]. It is interesting that this lemma holds for $\beta = (0,0)$ as well as (0,1)and (1,0). Before stating it we introduce more notation.

DEFINITION. For a compact set X, let

$$X = \{z | Dist(z, X) < \varepsilon\}.$$

DEFINITION. We denote $A_k(0) = \{z | 2^{-k-1} \le |z| \le 2^{-k+1}\}$ by A_k . DEFINITION. Let $A'_k = \{z | 2^{-k-2} \le |z| \le 2^{-k+1} \}.$ LEMMA 4.2. Let X \subset ¢ be compact and suppose that

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} 2^{2k} C_{1,2}(A_k \setminus X) < \infty.$$

Then for each $\varepsilon > 0$ and for each $k \ge 0$ there is a function $\psi_k \in C^{\infty}$ such that

(i)
$$\psi_{\mathbf{k}}(z) \equiv 1$$
 for z near $A_{\mathbf{k}}' \setminus X_{\varepsilon}$, and
(ii)
$$\int_{|z| \leq 2^{-k+1}} |D^{\beta}\psi_{\mathbf{k}}(z)|^{2} dm(z) \leq F2^{-2k}(1-|\beta|) C_{1,2}(A_{\mathbf{k}}' \setminus X)$$
for $\beta = (0,0)$, $(0,1)$, and $(1,0)$. The constant F is independent of k .

5. THE MAIN RESULT.

It is no restriction to assume that the boundary point $x \in \partial X$ is the origin (x = 0). Also, we may assume that $X \subset \{|z| < 2\}$. In taking 0 to be the vertex of a sector in Int X we mean that there are numbers α , β , $0 \le \alpha < \beta < 2\pi$, and a number a, 0 < a < 2, such that if (r,θ) are polar coordinates, and $S = \{(r,\theta) | \alpha \le \theta \le \beta, 0 \le r \le a\}$, then Int $S \subset$ Int X. Let L be the mid-line $L = \{(r,\theta) | \theta = \frac{\beta-\alpha}{2}, 0 \le r < a\}$. Since $y \in$ Int X is a BPE for $R^2(X)$, we may use f(y) to represent the value of that linear functional at a given $f \in R^2(X)$. We want to study f(y) - f(0) for $f \in R^2(X)$ as y approaches 0 along L.

First we will construct a function $g \in L^2(X)$ which represents 0 for $R^2(X)$ and which has support disjoint from a sector surrounding L. This second sector S' is a subset of S defined by

S' = { (r,
$$\theta$$
) | α + $\frac{\beta-\alpha}{3} \leq \theta \leq \beta - \frac{\beta-\alpha}{3}$, $0 \leq r < a$ }.

LEMMA 5.1. Suppose that 0 is a BPE for $R^2(X)$ that is the vertex of a sector S in X. Then, there is a function $g \in L^2(X)$ such that:

- (i) g represents 0 for $R^2(X)$,
- (ii) m((supp g) ∩ S') = 0,
- (iii) For all $n \ge 0$,

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$$\int_{A_{n}} \int_{X} |g|^{2} dm \leq F \sum_{k=n-1}^{n+1} 2^{2k} C_{1,2}(A_{k}' \setminus X)$$

where F is a constant independent of n. PROOF. Choose $\lambda \in C_0^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^1)$ such that

$$\lambda(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } t \leq \frac{1}{4} \text{ or } t \geq 2 \\ \\ 1 & \text{if } \frac{1}{2} \leq t \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

For each integer k set

$$\lambda_{k}(z) = \lambda(2^{k}|z|) / \sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} \lambda(2^{j}|z|) \text{ for } z \in \mathcal{C} \setminus \text{Int S.}$$

For those values of z in Int S define $\lambda_k(z)$ so that the following three conditions are satisfied:

- (1) $\lambda_{\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{z}) \in C^{\infty}$
- (2) $\lambda_k(z) = 0$ for $z \in X \cap S'$, and
- (3) There are constants F_1 and F_2 such that for all k

$$\left|\frac{\partial \lambda_k(z)}{\partial x}\right| \leq F_1 2^k \text{ and } \left|\frac{\partial \lambda_k(z)}{\partial y}\right| \leq F_2 2^k.$$

The constants F_1 and F_2 are independent of k.

Given $\varepsilon > 0$ choose the functions ψ_k of Lemma 4.2. On the complement of X_{ε} we have $\psi_k \lambda_k \equiv \lambda_k$ since supp $\lambda_k \subset A'_k$. Thus, $\sum_{0}^{\infty} \psi_k \lambda_k \equiv 1$ on $\Delta(0,1/4) \setminus X_{\varepsilon}$. Choose $\chi \in C_0^{\infty}$ with $\chi(z) \equiv 1$ near X. Set $h(z) = \chi(z)H(0,z)$ where $H(0,z) = \frac{1}{\pi z}$.

For each double index $\beta = (0,0)$, (0,1), and (1,0) there is a constant F_{β} such that

$$\left| D^{\beta} h(z) \right| \leq F_{\beta} \left| z \right|^{-1 - \left| \beta \right|}.$$

These inequalities follow from those of Section 4 and the fact that χ and its derivatives are bounded. Set $f_{\varepsilon} = h \sum_{0}^{\infty} \psi_k \lambda_k = \sum_{0}^{\infty} \psi_k h_k$ where $h_k = \lambda_k h$. Since $\sup \lambda_k \subset A'_k$, the above inequalities imply that E. WOLF

(*)
$$|D^{\beta}h_{k}(z)| \leq F_{\beta}2^{k(1+|\beta|)}$$

Henceforth, we will limit the number of symbols denoting constants by letting F denote any constant. The inequalities (*) combined with Lemma 4.2 imply that

$$\begin{aligned} \left|\left|f_{\varepsilon}\right|\right|_{L_{1}^{2}}^{2} &\leq F\sum_{\substack{|\beta+\lambda|\leq 1}}\sum_{k=0}^{\infty}\int\left|D^{\beta}h_{k}(z)D^{\gamma}\psi_{k}(z)\right|^{2}dm(z) \\ &\leq F\sum_{k=0}^{\infty}\sum_{\substack{|\beta+\lambda|\leq 1}}2^{2k(1+|\beta|)}\int_{\substack{|z|\leq 2^{-k+1}}}D^{\lambda}\psi_{k}(z)\right|^{2}dm(z) \\ &\leq F\sum_{k=0}^{\infty}2^{2k}C_{1,2}(A_{k}^{\prime}\backslash X). \end{aligned}$$

Finally, by the subadditivity of the capacity $C_{1,2}$, we have

$$||\mathbf{f}_{\varepsilon}||_{L_{1}^{2}}^{2} \leq \mathbf{F} \quad \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} 2^{2k} \mathbf{C}_{1,2}(\mathbf{A}_{k} \setminus \mathbf{X}).$$

The net $\{f_{\varepsilon}\}$ is bounded in L_1^2 . We can choose a subsequence $\{f_{\varepsilon}\}$ that converges weakly in L_1^2 . Let $f(z) = \lim_{\substack{j \to \infty \\ j \to \infty \\ \varepsilon_j}} f(z) + (1-\chi)H(0,z)$ for $z \in \langle X \rangle$. Then $f \in L_{1,1oc}^2$, and f(z) = H(0,z) for $z \in \langle X \rangle$. Note that since $f_{\varepsilon_j}(z) = 0$ for all $z \in X \land S'$, f(z) = 0 for a.e. $z \in X \land S'$. If necessary, we may redefine f on $X \land S'$ so that f(z) = 0 for every $z \in X \land S'$.

Set $g = \frac{t_{\partial}}{\partial \overline{z}} f$. Then $g \in L^2(X)$, and g is a representing function for 0 (see [2, p. 3]). If $z \notin X$, g(z) = 0. Clearly, $m((supp g) \cap S') = 0$. We have

$$\int_{A_{n} \cap X} |g|^{2} dm \leq F \qquad \sum_{|\beta| \leq 1} \int_{A_{n} \cap X} |D^{\beta}f|^{2} dm$$
$$\leq F \qquad \sum_{|\beta+\lambda| \leq 1} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \int_{A_{n} \cap X} |D^{\beta}h_{k}D^{\lambda}\psi_{k}|^{2} dm.$$

The integral $\int |D^{\beta}h_{k}\psi_{k}|^{2}dm$ will be nonzero only for those k such that $A_{n} \wedge X$

 $A'_k \cap A_n \cap X \neq \phi$, i.e., k = n - 1, n, n + 1. Thus, by (*) and Lemma 4.2,

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$$\int_{A_{n} \wedge X} |g|^{2} dm \leq F \sum_{\substack{|\beta+\lambda| \leq 1 \\ \leq 1 \\ \leq F \\ k=n-1}} \sum_{\substack{|\beta+\lambda| \leq 1 \\ k=n-1}} \int_{A_{n} \wedge X} |D^{\beta}h_{k}D^{\lambda}\psi_{k}|^{2} dm$$

This completes the proof of (i), (ii), and (iii).

We will use the next lemma to obtain representing functions for points near 0 on the line segment L. Let 0,X,S, and g be as in the previous lemma, and let c(y) be as defined in Section 2.

LEMMA 5.2. Let $0 \in X$ be represented by a function $v \in L^2(X)$. Suppose that ϕ is an admissible function and that $v(z)\phi(|z|)^{-1} \in L^2(X)$. Then for any $\varepsilon > 0$ there exists a δ such that if $|y| < \delta$ and $y \in L$, then $|c(y)| = |1 + y\hat{g}(y)| > 1 - \varepsilon$.

PROOF. Since the capacities Γ_2 and $C_{1,2}$ are equivalent, Theorem 3.1 implies that

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 2^{2n} \phi(2^{-n})^{-2} C_{1,2}(A_n \setminus X) < \infty.$$

To show that c(y) is defined, we first note that

$$|\mathbf{y}| \int \mathbf{g} \cdot (\mathbf{z}-\mathbf{y})^{-1} d\mathbf{m} | \leq \phi(|\mathbf{y}|) \psi(|\mathbf{y}|) \int |\mathbf{g}| \psi(|\mathbf{z}-\mathbf{y}|)^{-1} \phi(|\mathbf{z}-\mathbf{y}|)^{-1} d\mathbf{m}.$$

where $\psi(\mathbf{r}) = \mathbf{r} \cdot \phi(\mathbf{r})^{-1}$. By definition of S' there is a constant \mathbf{k}_1 such that $\mathbf{k}_1 |\mathbf{z}-\mathbf{y}| \ge |\mathbf{z}|$ for any $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbf{L}$ and $\mathbf{z} \in \mathbf{X} \setminus \mathbf{S}' - \{0\}$. Similarly, there is a constant \mathbf{k}_2 such that $\mathbf{k}_2 |\mathbf{z}-\mathbf{y}| \ge |\mathbf{y}|$ for any $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbf{L}$ and $\mathbf{z} \in \mathbf{X} \setminus \mathbf{S}' - \{0\}$. Since ϕ and ψ are both increasing,

$$\phi(|z|)\phi(|z-y|)^{-1} \le k_1$$
 and $\psi(|y|)\psi(|z-y|)^{-1} \le k_2$.

Hence

$$|\mathbf{y}| \left| \int g \cdot (\mathbf{z}-\mathbf{y})^{-1} d\mathbf{m} \right| \leq F\phi(|\mathbf{y}|) \int |\mathbf{g}| \cdot \phi^{-1} d\mathbf{m}.$$

We claim that $g \cdot \phi^{-1} \in L^2(X)$ and therefore $g \cdot \phi^{-1} \in L^1(X)$. First observe

that

$$\int |g|^2 \cdot \phi^{-2} dm \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \phi(2^{-n})^{-2} \int |g|^2 dm.$$

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By Lemma 5.1 and the subadditivity of $C_{1,2}$ we get $\int |g|^2 \phi^{-2} dm \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \phi(2^{-n})^{-2} 2^{2n} C_{1,2}(A_n \setminus X).$

The capacity series converges. Thus, $\hat{g}(y)$ is defined. Since $\lim \phi(r) = 0$, $r \rightarrow 0$ we can choose for any given $\varepsilon > 0$ a $\delta > 0$ such that

$$\left| y\hat{g}(y) \right| = \left| y \right| \left| \int g \cdot (z - y)^{-1} dm \right| \le F\phi(\left| y \right|) \int \left| g \right| \cdot \phi^{-1} dm < \varepsilon$$

for $|y| < \delta$ and $y \in L$. It follows that $|c(y)| = |1 + y\hat{g}(y)| > 1 - \varepsilon$.

In the following theorem, X, 0, and L are just as they have been.

THEOREM 5.1. Let $0 \in \partial X$ be a BPE for $R^2(X)$ which is represented by function $v \in R^2(X)$. Suppose that ϕ is an admissible function and that $v(z)\phi(|z|)^{-1} \in L^2(X)$. Then for any $\varepsilon > 0$ there is a $\delta > 0$ such that if $y \in L \cap \Delta(0, \delta)$,

$$|f(y) - f(0)| \le \varepsilon\phi(|y|)||f||_2$$

for all $f \in R^2(X)$.

PROOF. Let $g \in L^2(X)$ be a representing function for 0 as in Lemma 5.1. Choose δ_1 by Lemma 5.2 so that for $y \in L$ and $|y| < \delta_1$, |c(y)| > 1/2. Then by Corollary 2.1,

$$f(y) - f(0) = c(y)^{-1} \int [f - f(0)]z(z-y)^{-1}gdm$$

= $c(y)^{-1} \int [f - f(0)][1 + y(z-y)^{-1}]gdm$
= $yc(y)^{-1} \int [f - f(0)](z-y)^{-1}gdm.$

Thus, for $y \in L$ and $|y| < \delta_1$ $|f(y) - f(0)| \le 2|y| \int |f - f(0)| |z-y|^{-1}|g| dm$.

There exists a monotone, increasing function $\overline{\phi}$ such that $\lim_{r \to 0^+} \overline{\phi}(r) = 0$ and $\phi(|z|)^{-1}\overline{\phi}(|z|)^{-1}v(z) \in L^2(X)$ (see [6, p. 74]). Moreover, we may choose $\overline{\phi}$ so that the function $r\phi(r)^{-1}\overline{\phi}(r)^{-1}$ is also monotone increasing. Let $\phi(r) = \phi(r) \cdot \overline{\phi}(r)$. Then recalling that $k_1|z-y| \ge |z|$ and $k_2|z-y| \ge |y|$ for $y \in L$ and $z \in X \setminus S' - \{0\}$, we have

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$$|f(y) - f(0)| \le F\Phi(|y|) ||f||_2 \{\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \Phi(2^{-n})^{-2} \int_{A_n} |g|^2 dm \}^{1/2}$$

If the sum of the infinite series is less than 1, the theorem is nearly proved. Suppose the sum is greater than or equal to 1. Then

$$\begin{aligned} |f(y) - f(0)| &\leq F|(|y|)||f||_{2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 2^{2n} \phi(2^{-n})^{-2} C_{1,2}(A_{n} \setminus X) \\ &\leq F \overline{\phi}(|y|) \phi(|y|) ||f||_{2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 2^{2n} \phi(2^{-n})^{-2} C_{1,2}(A_{n} \setminus X) \end{aligned}$$

Since the capacity series converges by Theorem 3.1, we may choose δ_2 such that for $|y| < \delta_2 \quad F\overline{\phi}(|y|) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 2^{2n} \phi (2^{-n})^{-2} C_{1,2}(A_n \setminus X) < \varepsilon$. Then $|f(y) - f(0)| \le \varepsilon \phi(|y|) ||f||_2$ for $|y| < \min(\delta_1, \delta_2)$ and $y \in L$. This concludes the proof.

REMARKS. (i) If $0 \in \delta X$ is a BPE for $R^2(X)$, there always exists an admissible function ϕ as in the hypotheses of Theorem 5.1 (see [5, p. 74]).

(ii) The theorem may be extended by techniques of Wang [5] to include bounded point derivations of order s so that a statement similar to Theorem 1.1(ii) holds for $y \in L \land \Delta(0, \delta)$.

(iii) For certain sets X a point $0 \in \partial X$ which is a BPE for $\mathbb{R}^2(X)$ may not be the vertex of any sector having interior in Int X. Suppose, however, that 0 is a cusp for a curve whose interior is in Int X. Let L be a line segment which bisects the cusp at 0 and let C denote the interior of the cusp near 0. Then if $y \in L \cap C$ and $z \in X \setminus C$, $|y-z|\tau(|y|) \ge |y|$ where τ is a monotone decreasing function such that $\lim_{r \to 0^+} \tau(r) = \infty$. Depending on how rapidly τ approaches ∞ at 0 (or how rapidly the cusp "narrows"), we can show that functions in $\mathbb{R}^2(X)$ satisfy an inequality similar to that of Theorem 5.1.

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