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**THE REGULARITY TEST OF A BOUNDARY POINT FOR NON-UNIFORMLY DEGENERATING SECOND ORDER ELLIPTIC EQUATIONS**

**Abstract**

*A class of second order divergent structure equations with non-uniform power degeneration is considered in the paper. The regularity test of the Wiener's type for a boundary point with respect to the first boundary value problem for such equations is proved.*

**Introduction.** Let  $D$  be the bounded domain, arranged in  $n$ - dimensional Euclidean space  $E_n$  of points  $x = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$ ,  $n \geq 3$ , and  $\partial D$  be its boundary,  $O \in \partial D$ .

Consider in  $D$  the first boundary value problem

$$Lu = \sum_{i,j=1}^n (a_{ij}(x)u_j)_i = 0, \quad x \in D; \quad u|_{\partial D} = \varphi, \quad (1)$$

where  $\|a_{ij}(x)\|$  is a real symmetric matrix with elements measurable in  $D$ ,

$$u_i = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} \quad (i, j = 1, 2, \dots, n), \quad \varphi \in C(\partial D).$$

Assume that with respect to the coefficients of the operator  $L$  it is fulfilled the condition

$$\mu \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i(x) \xi_i^2 \leq \sum_{i,j=1}^n a_{ij}(x) \xi_i \xi_j \leq \mu^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i(x) \xi_i^2, \quad (2)$$

where  $\mu \in (0,1]$ ,  $x \in D$ ,  $\xi \in E_n$ ,  $\lambda_i(x) = (|x|_\alpha)^{\beta_i}$ ,  $|x|_\alpha = \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|^{2+\alpha_i}$ ,  $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)$ ,

$$\alpha_i \in \left[0, \frac{2}{n-1}\right), \quad i = 1, \dots, n.$$

The goal of this article is to find the Wiener's type regularity test of the boundary point  $O$  with respect to the problem (1). Note that for the Laplace equation the classical result in this direction was obtained by N. Wiener [1]. The Wiener's test was transferred to the equations with smooth coefficients in [2-3]. In [4] it was established that the Wiener's test is valid for arbitrary, uniformly elliptic second order equations of divergent structure with measurable coefficients. Elliptic equations with uniform degeneration were considered in [5]. In [6] the regularity test for a boundary point was obtained for elliptic equations with weak (so-called logarithmic) non-uniform degeneration. Note that none equation with non-uniform power degeneration satisfies the conditions of paper [6]. In the present paper the regularity test for a for a boundary point was obtained for class of second order divergent elliptic equations with non-uniform power degeneration. Concerning divergent structure elliptic equations we note the results obtained in the indicated direction in papers [7-11].

**1<sup>o</sup>. Some notations, definitions and subsidiary statements.**

Let  $\Sigma$  be a sufficiently great radius closed ball with a center in the origin of coordinates,  $\bar{D} \subset \Sigma$ .

Denote by  $W_{p,\Lambda}^1(D), \dot{W}_{p,\Lambda}^1(D)$  the closure of functions correspondingly from  $C^\infty(\bar{D}), C_0^\infty(D)$  at the following norm

$$\left( \int_D |u|^p dx + \int_D \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i(x) \left| \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} \right|^p dx \right)^{1/p}, \quad 1 < p < \infty.$$

The space adjoint to  $\dot{W}_{p,\Lambda}^1(D)$  denote by  $W_{p',\Lambda}^{-1}(D)$ :

$$W_{p',\Lambda}^{-1}(D) = \left\{ T = f_0 + \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial x_i} : f_0 \in L_{p'}(D), f_i \in L_{p',\Lambda_i^{-1}}(D), i=1, \dots, n \right\},$$

where  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{p'} = 1$ .

The function  $u \in W_{2,\Lambda}^1(D)$  we call the solution of the equation (1), if it satisfies the following integral identity

$$\int_{D^i, j=1}^n a_{ij}(x) u_i v_j dx = 0 \quad \text{for any } v \in \dot{W}_{2,\Lambda}^1(D).$$

If

$$\int \sum_{D^i, j=1}^n a_{ij}(x) u_i v_j dx \leq 0 \quad \text{for any } v \in \dot{W}_{2,\Lambda}^1(D), v \geq 0,$$

then the function  $u \in W_{2,\Lambda}^1(D)$  is called a subsolution of the equation (1). If the function  $-u(x) \in W_{2,\Lambda}^1(D)$  is the subsolution of the equation (1), then  $u(x)$  is called a supersolution. We say that the charge  $\nu$  belongs to  $W_{p',\Lambda}^{-1}$ , if for any  $\varphi \in C_0^\infty(D)$

$$\left| \int_D \varphi d\nu \right| \leq c \|\varphi\|_{W_{p',\Lambda}^1(D)}.$$

Further, we shall denote positive constants by  $c$ . For  $k > 0, R > 0, x^0 \in E_n$  by  $\mathcal{E}_R^{x^0}(k)$  we denote the ellipsoid

$$\left\{ x : \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{(x_i - x_i^0)^2}{R^{\alpha_i}} \leq (kR)^2 \right\}.$$

Let  $u \in W_{p,\Lambda}^1(D)$ . We say that  $u \geq a$  on  $E \subset \bar{D}$  in the sense of  $W_{p,\Lambda}^1(D)$ , if there exists a sequence of functions  $\{\varphi_k\} \in Lip(\bar{D})$  such that  $\varphi_k(x) \geq a, x \in E$  and  $\varphi_k \rightarrow u, (k \rightarrow \infty)$  by the norm of  $W_{p,\Lambda}^1(D)$ . Let  $u(x)$  be a measurable function. The function  $u^{(\varepsilon)}(x) = \min\{u(x), \varepsilon\}$  is called  $\varepsilon$ -truncation of  $u(x)$ . Let

$$D(u, v) = \int \sum_{\Sigma^i, j=1}^n a_{ij}(x) u_i v_j dx.$$

**Lemma 1.** Let  $p_0 > 0$  is a sufficiently large number,  $p > p_0, T \in W_{p,\Lambda}^{-1}(\Sigma)$  and  $Lu = T$  in the sense of  $W_{2,\Lambda}^1(D), u \in \dot{W}_{2,\Lambda}^1(\Sigma)$ . Then, the function  $u(x)$  is continuous by Hölder in  $\bar{\Sigma}$  and

$$\max_{\Sigma} |u| \leq c_1 \|T\|_{W_{p,\Lambda}^{-1}(\Sigma)},$$

$$\max_{\substack{x,y \in \Sigma \\ |x-y| \leq \rho}} |u(x) - u(y)| \leq c_2 \rho^\alpha \|T\|_{W_{p,\Lambda}^{-1}(\Sigma)}.$$

**Lemma 2.** Let  $u \in \dot{W}_{2,\Lambda}^1(\Sigma)$ ,  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Then, if  $u^{(\varepsilon)}$  is a  $\varepsilon$ -truncation of the function  $u(x)$ , then  $u^{(\varepsilon)} \in \dot{W}_{2,\Lambda}^1(D)$ . Moreover, if  $\{\varphi_j\} \in C_0^\infty(D)$  and  $\varphi_j \rightarrow u$ , ( $j \rightarrow \infty$ ) by the norm  $\dot{W}_{2,\Lambda}^1(D)$ , then  $\varphi_j^{(\varepsilon)} \rightarrow u^{(\varepsilon)}$ , ( $j \rightarrow \infty$ ) weakly in  $\dot{W}_{2,\Lambda}^1(D)$ . Moreover

$$\|u^{(\varepsilon)}\|_{\dot{W}_{2,\Lambda}^1(D)} \leq \|u\|_{\dot{W}_{2,\Lambda}^1(D)}.$$

These lemmas are proved by a standard method as for instance in [5].

**Lemma 3.** If  $u \in W_{2,\Lambda}^1(\Sigma)$  is the subsolution of the equation (1), non-positive on  $\partial D$  in the sense of  $W_{2,\Lambda}^1(D)$ , then the function  $u(x)$  is non-positive almost everywhere on  $D$ .

**Proof.** Let  $\varepsilon > 0$  be an arbitrary number. Then,  $u - u^{(\varepsilon)} \geq 0$  in  $D$  and by Lemma 2  $u - u^{(\varepsilon)} \in \dot{W}_{2,\Lambda}^1(D)$ . Since  $u$  is a subsolution of the equation (1), then

$$\int_{D^i} \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} u_i \varphi_j dx \leq 0$$

for any function  $\varphi \in \dot{W}_{2,\Lambda}^1(D)$ ,  $\varphi \geq 0$ .

Assume  $\varphi = u - u^{(\varepsilon)}$ . We have

$$\int_{D^i} \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} u_i (u - u^{(\varepsilon)})_j dx \leq 0.$$

Since

$$\int_{D^i} \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} u_i^{(\varepsilon)} (u - u^{(\varepsilon)})_j dx = 0,$$

then

$$\int_{D^i} \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} (u - u^{(\varepsilon)})_i (u - u^{(\varepsilon)})_j dx \leq 0.$$

By the Friedrichs type inequality [12] and (2) we get that  $u(x) = u^{(\varepsilon)}(x)$  almost everywhere in  $D$ . Since  $\varepsilon$  is an arbitrary positive number, then  $u \leq 0$  almost everywhere in  $D$ . The Lemma is proved.

Denote

$$V_\Sigma(\mathcal{K}) = \left\{ u \in \dot{W}_{2,\Lambda}^1(\Sigma) : u \geq 1 \text{ on } \mathcal{K} \text{ in the sense of } W_{2,\Lambda}^1(\mathcal{K}) \right\},$$

where  $\mathcal{K} \subset \Sigma$  is some compact set. If  $\Sigma = E_n$ , then we denote  $V_{E_n}(\mathcal{K})$  by  $V(\mathcal{K})$ .

## 2°. Capacity and capacitary potential.

The number  $cap_\Sigma(\mathcal{K}) = \inf_{u \in V_\Sigma(\mathcal{K})} \int_{\Sigma} \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij}(x) u_i u_j dx$  is called capacity of the compactum  $\mathcal{K}$  with respect to the ball  $\Sigma$ , generated by the operator  $L$ .

The number  $cap(\mathcal{K}) = \inf_{u \in V(\mathcal{K})} \int \sum_{E_j, j=1}^n a_{ij}(x) u_i u_j dx$  is called capacity of the compactum  $\mathcal{K}$ , generated by the operator  $L$ .

**Lemma 4.** *There exists a unique function  $u \in V_{\Sigma}(\mathcal{K})$ , for which  $cap_{\Sigma}(\mathcal{K}) = D(u, u)$ . Moreover,  $u = 1$  on  $\mathcal{K}$  in the sense of  $W_{2,\Lambda}^1(\Sigma)$  and  $D(u, v) \geq 0$  for any function  $v \in \dot{W}_{2,\Lambda}^1(\Sigma)$  such that  $v \geq 0$  on  $\mathcal{K}$  in the sense of  $W_{2,\Lambda}^1(\Sigma)$ .*

**Proof.** It is easy to show that  $V_{\Sigma}(\mathcal{K})$  is a convex and closed set in  $\dot{W}_{2,\Lambda}^1(\Sigma)$ . Then by the known theorem on a functional analysis there exists a unique function  $u \in V_{\Sigma}(\mathcal{K})$ , possessing minimal norm among the elements of  $V_{\Sigma}(\mathcal{K})$ . By [12] a bilinear form of  $D(u, v)$  is a scalar product in  $\dot{W}_{2,\Lambda}^1(\Sigma)$ , therefore  $cap_{\Sigma}(\mathcal{K}) = D(u, u)$ . By Lemma 2 we get  $u = 1$  on  $\mathcal{K}$  in the sense of  $W_{2,\Lambda}^1(\Sigma)$ .

Let  $v \in \dot{W}_{2,\Lambda}^1(\Sigma)$ ,  $v \geq 0$  on  $\mathcal{K}$  in the sense of  $W_{2,\Lambda}^1(\Sigma)$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$ . It is obvious that  $u + \varepsilon v \in V_{\Sigma}(\mathcal{K})$  for any  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Then

$$D(u + \varepsilon v, u + \varepsilon v) \geq D(u, u).$$

Hence it follows that

$$2\varepsilon D(u, v) + \varepsilon^2 D(v, v) \geq 0.$$

Therefore  $D(u, v) \geq 0$ . The Lemma is proved.

The function  $u$  is called a capacity potential of the compactum  $\mathcal{K}$ .

**Corollary 2.** *Capacity potential of the compactum  $\mathcal{K}$  is the supersolution of the equation (1) in  $\Sigma$ .*

**Lemma 5.** *Let  $u$  be a capacity potential of some compactum  $\mathcal{K} \subset \Sigma$ . Then  $Lu = 0$  in  $\Sigma \setminus \mathcal{K}$  and  $0 \leq u(x) \leq 1$  almost everywhere in  $\Sigma$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $u$  be a capacity potential of some compactum  $\mathcal{K} \subset \Sigma$ . Then  $Lu = 0$  in the sense of  $W_{2,\Lambda}^1(\Sigma \setminus \mathcal{K})$ . Indeed, let  $v(x)$  be any function from  $\dot{W}_{2,\Lambda}^1(\Sigma \setminus \mathcal{K})$ . Denote

$$\tilde{v}(x) = \begin{cases} v(x), & x \in \Sigma \setminus \mathcal{K} \\ 0, & x \in \mathcal{K} \end{cases}$$

It is obvious that  $\tilde{v} \in \dot{W}_{2,\Lambda}^1(\Sigma)$ . Then by Lemma 4

$$\int \sum_{\Sigma \setminus \mathcal{K}} a_{ij}(x) u_i v_j dx = D(u, \tilde{v}) \geq 0.$$

Since  $v$  any function from  $\dot{W}_{2,\Lambda}^1(\Sigma \setminus \mathcal{K})$ , then  $Lu = 0$  in  $\Sigma \setminus \mathcal{K}$ . On  $\partial \Sigma$   $u = 0$  in the sense of  $W_{2,\Lambda}^1(\Sigma)$ . On  $\partial \mathcal{K}$   $u = 1$  in the sense of  $W_{2,\Lambda}^1(\Sigma)$ , i.e. on  $\partial(\Sigma \setminus \mathcal{K})$   $0 \leq u(x) \leq 1$ . On the other hand,  $u = 1$  on  $\mathcal{K}$  in the sense of  $W_{2,\Lambda}^1(\Sigma)$ , i.e.  $u = 1$  almost everywhere on  $\mathcal{K}$ . Therefore  $0 \leq u(x) \leq 1$  almost everywhere in  $\Sigma$ . The Lemma is proved.

Let  $\varphi \in C_0^\infty(\Sigma)$ ,  $\varphi(x) \geq 0$ ,  $x \in \mathcal{K}$ . By Lemma 4  $D(u, \varphi) \geq 0$ , where  $u$  is a capacity. Then by Schwartz's theorem there exists a unique measure  $\mu$ , such that  $D(u, \varphi) = \int_{\Sigma} \varphi d\mu$ .

**Corollary 3.**  $S(\mu) \subset \mathcal{K}$ , where  $S(\mu)$  is the support of measure  $\mu$ .

Measure  $\mu$  is called the capacity distribution of the compactum  $\mathcal{K}$ .

**Lemma 6.** Let  $\mu$  be the capacity distribution of the compactum  $\mathcal{K} \subset \Sigma$ . Then  $S(\mu) \subset \partial\mathcal{K}$  and  $\mu(\mathcal{K}) = \text{cap}_{\Sigma}(\mathcal{K})$ .

**Proof.** Let  $u$  be a capacity potential of  $\mathcal{K}$ . By Lemma 4 there exists a sequence of functions  $\{\varphi_j\} \in C_0^\infty(\Sigma)$ ,  $\varphi_j(x) = 1$ ,  $x \in \mathcal{K}$ ,  $j = 1, 2, \dots$ ,  $\varphi_j \rightarrow u$ , ( $j \rightarrow \infty$ ) by the norm of  $W_{2,\Lambda}^1(\Sigma)$ . Let  $\psi$  be an arbitrary function from  $C_0^\infty(\Sigma)$  such that  $S(\psi) \subset \mathcal{K}^0$  ( $\mathcal{K}^0$  is the interior part of  $\mathcal{K}$ ). We have

$$\int_{\Sigma} \psi d\mu = D(u, \psi) = \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} D(\varphi_j, \psi)$$

and

$$\text{cap}_{\Sigma}(\mathcal{K}) = D(u, u) = \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} D(u, \varphi_j) = \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\partial\mathcal{K}} \varphi_j d\mu = \mu(\mathcal{K}).$$

The Lemma is proved.

**Corollary 4.** The capacity distribution of the compactum  $\mathcal{K} \subset \Sigma$  belongs to  $W_{2,\Lambda}^{-1}(\Sigma)$ .

Let  $T \in W_{p,\Lambda}^{-1}(\Sigma)$ ,  $p \geq p_0$ , where a positive number  $p_0$  is chosen by Lemma 1.

By Theorem 1 [12] there exists a unique function  $u(x) \in \dot{W}_{2,\Lambda}^1(\Sigma)$ , for which  $Lu = T$  in the sense of  $W_{2,\Lambda}^1(\Sigma)$ . Let  $G(T) = u$ . Then by Lemma 1  $G$  maps  $W_{p,\Lambda}^{-1}(\Sigma)$  into  $C(\Sigma)$  and it is a linear bounded operator. Denote by  $M(\Sigma)$  a class of finite charges in  $\Sigma$ .

### 3<sup>0</sup>. Weak solutions.

**Definition.** Let  $\mu$  be the charges of bounded variation on  $\Sigma$ . We say that the function  $u \in L_1(\Sigma)$  is a weak solution of the equation  $Lu = \mu$ , equal to zero on the boundary  $\partial\Sigma$ , if it satisfies the equality

$$\int_{\Sigma} u L\varphi dx = \int_{\Sigma} \varphi d\mu$$

for any  $\varphi \in \dot{W}_{2,\Lambda}^1(\Sigma) \cap C(\overline{\Sigma})$ , such that  $Lu \in C(\overline{\Sigma})$ .

**Definition.** The function  $u \in L_1(\Sigma)$  is called a weak solution of the equation  $Lu = \mu$  ( $\mu \in M(\Sigma)$ ), converging to zero in  $\partial\Sigma$ , if

$$\int_{\Sigma} u(x)\psi(x) dx = \int_{\Sigma} G(\psi) d\mu$$

for any  $\psi \in C(\overline{\Sigma})$ . It is obvious that if  $\psi \in C(\overline{\Sigma})$ , then  $\psi \in L_p(\Sigma)$  for any  $p \geq 1$  and  $\psi \in W_{p,\Lambda}^{-1}(\Sigma)$ . Therefore  $\int_{\Sigma} G(\psi) d\mu$  has sense for any  $\psi \in C(\overline{\Sigma})$ .

**Lemma 7.** Let  $\mu \in M(\Sigma)$ . Then there exists a unique weak solution of the equation  $Lu = \mu$ . Moreover  $u \in \dot{W}_{p', \Lambda}^1(\Sigma)$ ,

$$\|u\|_{\dot{W}_{p', \Lambda}^1(\Sigma)} \leq c_3 \|\mu\|_{M(\Sigma)}, \quad \text{where } 1 \leq p' \leq p_0$$

$\frac{1}{p'} + \frac{1}{p_0} = 1$ , and  $p_0$  is a constant from Lemma 1.

The following statements we cite without proof.

**Lemma 8.** If the charge  $\mu \in M(\Sigma)$  is the measure, then a weak solution of the equation  $Lu = -\mu$  is a non-negative function almost everywhere in  $\Sigma$ .

**Lemma 9.** Assume that  $\mu \in M(\Sigma)$  is the measure and  $\mu \in W_{2, \Lambda}^{-1}(\Sigma)$ . Then a weak solution of the equation  $Lu = -\mu$  belongs to  $\dot{W}_{2, \Lambda}^1(\Sigma)$ . Moreover  $Lu = -\mu$  in the sense of  $\dot{W}_{2, \Lambda}^1(\Sigma)$ .

**Lemma 10.** Let  $B_1 = \mathcal{E}_r^y(1)$ ,  $B_2 = \mathcal{E}_r^y(2)$  and  $Lu = 0$  in the sense of  $W_{2, \Lambda}^1(B_2)$ . Then it is valid the inequality

$$\int_{B_1} \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i(x) u_i^2 dx \leq c_4 \frac{1}{r^2} \int_{B_2} u^2 dx. \quad (3)$$

#### 4°. Green's function and its properties.

Fix  $y \in \Sigma$ . Denote by  $g(x, y)$  a weak solution of the equation  $Lg = -\delta_y$ , where  $\delta_y$  is a Dirac's measure, concentrated at the point  $y$ .  $g(x, y)$  is called a Green's function of the sphere  $\Sigma$ . It possesses a number of properties of classical Green's function.

**Lemma 11.**  $g(x, y) \in W_{2, \Lambda}^1(\Sigma \setminus \mathcal{E}_r^y(1))$  for any  $r > 0$ . Moreover, we can so change the function  $g(x, y)$  on the set of Lebesgue's zero measure that the obtained function will be continuous by Hölder in  $\Sigma \setminus \{y\}$  and converge to zero on  $\partial \Sigma$  (see [13]).

**Lemma 12.** For any  $\mu \in M(\Sigma)$  the integral

$$u(x) = \int_{\Sigma} g(x, y) d\mu(y)$$

exists almost everywhere in  $\Sigma$ , moreover  $u(x)$  is a weak solution of the equation  $Lu = -\mu$ .

**Lemma 13.** Let  $\psi \in C(\overline{\Sigma})$ . Then

$$G(\psi)(y) = \int_{\Sigma} g(x, y) \psi(x) dx$$

is the solution of the equation  $L\phi = \psi$ .

**Proof.** We have

$$\int_{\Sigma} g(x, y) \psi(x) dx = \langle g(\cdot, y), \psi \rangle = \langle G^*(\delta_y), \psi \rangle = \langle \delta_y, G(\psi) \rangle = G(\psi)(y).$$

The Lemma is proved.

**Lemma 14.**  $g(x, y) = g(y, x)$  for all  $x, y \in \Sigma \times \Sigma$ .

**Lemma 15.** Let  $\mathcal{E}_r^x(2) \subset \Sigma$ ,  $y \in \partial \mathcal{E}_r^x(1)$ . Then

$$\frac{c_5}{\text{cap}_\Sigma(\mathcal{E}_r^x(1))} \leq g(x, y) \leq \frac{c_6}{\text{cap}_\Sigma(\mathcal{E}_r^x(1))}.$$

**Proof.** Let  $\mu$  is a capacity distribution of  $\mathcal{E}_r^x(1)$ , and

$$u(z) = \int_\Sigma g(z, \tau) d\mu(\tau)$$

is a capacity potential of  $\mathcal{E}_r^x(1)$ .

According to previously proved  $S(\mu) \subset \partial\mathcal{E}_r^x(1)$ . Therefore

$$u(z) = \int_{\partial\mathcal{E}_r^x(1)} g(z, \tau) d\mu(\tau).$$

Since  $x \notin \partial\mathcal{E}_r^x(1)$ , then  $x \neq \tau$ , therefore  $g(x, \tau)$  is a continuous function and  $u(z)$  is continuous at the point  $x$ , so

$$1 = u(x) = \int_{\partial\mathcal{E}_r^x(1)} g(x, \tau) d\mu(\tau).$$

Hence we get

$$\min_{\tau \in \partial\mathcal{E}_r^x(1)} g(x, \tau) \cdot \text{cap}_\Sigma(\mathcal{E}_r^x(1)) \leq 1 \leq \max_{\tau \in \partial\mathcal{E}_r^x(1)} g(x, \tau) \cdot \text{cap}_\Sigma(\mathcal{E}_r^x(1)).$$

With regard to Lemmas 8, 10 and the Harnack's inequality [14] we conclude

$$\max_{\tau \in \partial\mathcal{E}_r^x(1)} g(x, \tau) \leq c_7 \min_{\tau \in \partial\mathcal{E}_r^x(1)} g(x, \tau).$$

The Lemma is proved.

**Lemma 16.** Let  $x^0 \in \mathcal{E}_r^0(4)$ . Then

$$c_8 r^{n-2} \prod_{i=1}^n r^{\alpha_i/2} \leq \text{cap}(\mathcal{E}_r^{x^0}(1)) \leq c_9 r^{n-2} \prod_{i=1}^n r^{\alpha_i/2}.$$

**Proof.** Let  $\Pi_r^{x^0} = \{x: |x_i - x_i^0| < r^{1+\alpha_i/2}, i=1, \dots, n\}$ . Then  $\mathcal{E}_r^{x^0}(1) \subset \Pi_r^{x^0}$ , therefore

$$\text{cap}(\mathcal{E}_r^{x^0}(1)) \leq \text{cap}(\Pi_r^{x^0}).$$

Consider the functions  $f_i(t)$ .  $f_i(t) = 1, |t| < r^{1+\alpha_i/2}, f_i(t) = 0, |t| \geq 2r^{1+\alpha_i/2}, 0 \leq f_i(t) \leq 1, f_i(t) \in C_0^\infty(E_1), i=1, \dots, n$ . We may assume that

$$\left| \frac{df_i}{dt} \right| \leq \frac{c}{r^{1+\alpha_i/2}}.$$

Let  $u(x) = \prod_{j=1}^n f_j(x_j - x_j^0)$ . Then  $u(x) = 1$  in  $\Pi_r^{x^0}$ ,  $u(x) \in C_0^\infty(E_n)$ . Besides it,

$$u(x) = 0 \text{ outside } \tilde{\Pi}_r^{x^0} = \{x: |x_i - x_i^0| \leq 2r^{1+\alpha_i/2}, i=1, \dots, n, |u_i| \leq \frac{c}{r^{1+\alpha_i/2}}.$$

$$\text{Let } x \in \tilde{\Pi}_r^{x^0}. \text{ Then } |x|_\alpha = \sum_{j=1}^n |x_j|^{2+\alpha_j} \leq \sum_{j=1}^n (|x_j - x_j^0| + |x_j^0|)^{2+\alpha_j}.$$

But  $|x_j - x_j^0| \leq 2r^{1+\alpha_j/2}, |x_j^0| \leq (4r)^{1+\alpha_j/2} \leq 4^{1+\frac{\alpha^+}{2}} \cdot r^{1+\frac{\alpha_j}{2}} \leq c_{10} r^{1+\alpha_j/2}, \lambda_j(x) \leq c_{11} r^{\alpha_j}, j=1, \dots, n$ . Here  $\alpha^+ = \max\{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n\}$ . Therefore  $\text{cap}(\Pi_r^{x^0}) \leq \int_{E_n} a_j u_j dx \leq$

$\leq \mu^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \int_{\tilde{\Pi}_i^0} \lambda_i(x) \mu_i^2 dx \leq c_{12}(\mu, n, \alpha) \times r^{-2} \text{mes } \tilde{\Pi}_r^{x_0} = c_{13}(\mu, n, \alpha) r^{n-2} \prod_{i=1}^n r^{\alpha_i/2}$ . Denote by

$Cap$  the capacity generated by the operator

$$L_0 = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \left( \lambda_i(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \right),$$

It is clear that  $\mu Cap(E) \leq cap(E) \leq \mu^{-1} Cap(E)$ .

Let  $E$  be a compactum,  $\tilde{E}$  be it's image for transformation  $y_i = k^{1+\alpha_i/2} \cdot x_i$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$ ,  $k > 0$ . Then

$$Cap(E) = \frac{Cap(\tilde{E})}{k^{n-2} \prod_{i=1}^n k^{\alpha_i/2}}.$$

In particular  $Cap(\Pi_r^{x_0}) = r^{n-2} \prod_{i=1}^n r^{\alpha_i/2} Cap(\Pi_1^{y_0})$ .

Estimate  $Cap(\Pi_1^{y_0})$ . Let  $u(x)$  is a capacity potential of  $\Pi_1^{y_0}$ , and  $\mu$  is a capacity distribution of  $\Pi_1^{y_0}$ .

It is clear, that  $S(\mu) \subset \partial \Pi_1^{y_0}$ . We have

$$u(z) = \int_{\partial \Pi_1^{y_0}} g(z, \tau) d\mu(\tau),$$

since  $y_0 \notin \partial \Pi_1^{y_0}$ , then  $u(z)$  is continuous at the point  $y_0$ ,

$$1 = u(y_0) = \int_{\partial \Pi_1^{y_0}} g(y_0, \tau) d\mu(\tau).$$

For  $\tau \in \partial \Pi_1^{y_0}$ ,  $dist(y_0, \tau) \geq 1$ . Therefore  $g(y_0, \tau) \leq a(n, \alpha)$

$$1 \leq a\mu(\partial \Pi_1^{y_0}) = aCap(\Pi_1^{y_0})$$

and we get

$$Cap(\Pi_r^{x_0}) \geq ar^{n-2} \prod_{i=1}^n r^{\alpha_i/2}.$$

On the other hand

$$Cap(\Pi_r^{x_0}) \geq \mu Cap(\Pi_r^{x_0}) \geq \mu ar^{n-2} \prod_{i=1}^n r^{\alpha_i/2}.$$

Now after considering the inclusion  $\mathcal{E}_r^{x_0}(1) \supset \Pi_r^{x_0}$ , Lemma is proved.

**Lemma 17.** Let  $\Sigma = Q_R^0$ . Then, if  $r \leq r^0$ ,  $x^0 \in \mathcal{E}_r^0(4)$ ,  $R$  is sufficiently large, then

$$c_{14} r^{n-2} \prod_{i=1}^n r^{\alpha_i/2} \leq cap_{\Sigma}(\mathcal{E}_r^{x_0}(1)) \leq c_{15} r^{n-2} \prod_{i=1}^n r^{\alpha_i/2}.$$

**Lemma 18.** Let  $y \in \Sigma$ . Then

$$cap_{\Sigma}\{y\} = \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} cap_{\Sigma}(\mathcal{E}_r^y(1)) = 0.$$



## 5°. Generalized solution of Dirichlet's problem

**Lemma 19.** Let the measure  $\mu \in M(\Sigma)$ . Then a weak solution  $u(x)$  of the equation  $Lu = -\mu$  is a lower semicontinuous function, i.e. for any  $x^0 \in \Sigma$

$$\liminf_{x \rightarrow x^0} u(x) \geq u(x^0).$$

**Proof.** Let  $g(x, y)$  is the Green's function. Then the weak solution of the  $Lu = -\mu$  is represented in the form

$$u(x) = \int_{\Sigma} g(x, y) d\mu(y).$$

Fix  $x^0 \in \Sigma$ . Any measure  $\mu \in M(\Sigma)$  is represented in the form of  $\mu = \mu_1 + \mu_2$ , where  $\mu_1$  is an absolute continuous, and  $\mu_2$  is a singular constituent,  $\mu_1\{x^0\} = 0$ ,  $\mu_2\{x^0\} = \mu\{x^0\} \delta_{x^0}$ . Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} u(x) &= \int_{\Sigma} g(x, y) d\mu_1(y) + \mu\{x^0\} g(x, x^0), \\ \liminf_{x \rightarrow x^0} u(x) &\geq \liminf_{x \rightarrow x^0} \int_{\Sigma} g(x, y) d\mu_1(y) + \mu\{x^0\} g(x^0, x^0). \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

If  $\mu\{x^0\} > 0$ , then  $\mu\{x^0\} g(x^0, x^0) = \infty$ , then the Lemma is proved.

Let  $\mu\{x^0\} = 0$ . Choose the following sequence of functions

$$\varphi_k \in Lip(E_1), \quad \varphi_k \leq \varphi_{k+1}$$

$\varphi_k = 0$  at the neighborhood of 0,  $\varphi_k = 1$  for  $t \geq \frac{1}{k}$

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \varphi_k(t) = \begin{cases} 0, & t = 0 \\ 1, & t \neq 0 \end{cases}$$

Let  $g_k(x, y) = g(x, y) \varphi_k(|x - y|)$ . It is obvious that  $g_k(x, y) \leq g_{k+1}(x, y)$ ,  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} g_k(x, y) = g(x, y)$ , except the point  $x = y$  and

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\Sigma} g_k(x^0, y) d\mu_1(y) = \int_{\Sigma} g(x^0, y) d\mu_1(y). \quad (5)$$

But  $\int_{\Sigma} g_k(x, y) d\mu_1(y)$  is a continuous function. Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\Sigma} g_k(x^0, y) d\mu_1(y) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow x^0} \int_{\Sigma} g_k(x, y) d\mu_1(y) = \lim_{x \rightarrow x^0} \int_{\Sigma} g_k(x, y) d\mu_1(y) \leq \\ &\leq \lim_{x \rightarrow x^0} \int_{\Sigma} g(x, y) d\mu_1(y), \end{aligned}$$

i.e. we obtained

$$\int_{\Sigma} g_k(x^0, y) d\mu_1(y) \leq \lim_{x \rightarrow x^0} \int_{\Sigma} g(x, y) d\mu_1(y).$$

By using (5), we have

$$\int_{\Sigma} g(x^0, y) d\mu_1(y) \leq \lim_{x \rightarrow x^0} \int_{\Sigma} g(x, y) d\mu_1(y).$$

Thus

$$u(x^0) = \int_{\Sigma} g(x^0, y) d\mu_1(y) \leq \lim_{x \rightarrow x^0} \int_{\Sigma} g(x, y) d\mu_1(y) \leq \lim_{x \rightarrow x^0} u(x)$$

and the Lemma is proved.

**Definition.** The number  $cap_{\Sigma}^*(E) = \inf \{cap_{\Sigma}(U)\}$ , where the greatest lower bound is taken over all open sets containing  $E$  is called the upper capacity of the set  $E$ .

**Lemma 20.** If  $\mu$  is the measure,  $\mu \in W_{2,\Lambda}^{-1}$  and for Berellian set  $E$

$$cap_{\Sigma}^*(E) = 0, \quad \text{then} \quad \mu(E) = 0.$$

**Corollary 5.**  $\lim_{x \rightarrow y} g(x, y) = \infty$ .

By  $H$  denote the factor space  $W_{2,\Lambda}^1(D) / \overset{\circ}{W}_{2,\Lambda}^1(D)$ . Let the mapping  $B: H \rightarrow W_{2,\Lambda}^1(D)$  be such, that if  $u = B\varphi$ , then  $Lu = 0$  in the sense of  $W_{2,\Lambda}^1(D)$  and  $u - \bar{\varphi} \in \overset{\circ}{W}_{2,\Lambda}^1(D)$ , where  $\bar{\varphi}$  is the representative of a class of equivalence  $\varphi$ . If the function  $\varphi$  is bounded on  $\partial D$  in the sense of  $W_{2,\Lambda}^1(D)$ , then by Lemma 3

$$\sup_D |u| \leq \max_{\partial D} |\varphi|, \quad (6)$$

where by  $\max_{\partial D} |\varphi|$  we denote the greatest lower bound of numbers  $c$  such that  $\bar{\varphi} \leq c$ ,  $-\bar{\varphi} \leq c$ . By using (6) and (3), it is easy to deduce that

$$\|B\varphi\| \leq c_{16} \max_{\partial D} |\varphi|,$$

where  $\|g\| = \sup_{\bar{D}' \subset D} \delta \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \int_{D'} \lambda_i(x) g_i^2 dx \right)^{1/2} + \max_D |g|$  and  $\delta$  is the distance between  $\bar{D}'$  and

$\partial D$ . Therefore,  $B$  is a linear mapping of the subset  $B^{1,2}$  of functions from  $H$ , bounded on  $\partial D$  (in the sense of  $W_{2,\Lambda}^1(D)$ ), in a space of functions with finite norm  $\|u\|$ .

Since any continuous function  $\varphi$  on  $\partial D$  may be approximated in the norm  $\max_{\partial D} |\varphi|$  by the functions being smooth on any set containing  $\bar{D}$ , then the set  $B^{1,2}$  is dense in the space of continuous on  $\partial D$  functions  $\varphi$  with the norm  $\max_{\partial D} |\varphi|$ .

### 6<sup>0</sup>. Boundary point regularity.

**Definition.** The point  $y \in \partial D$  is called regular, if for any continuous on  $\partial D$  functions  $\varphi(x)$  for a generalized solution  $u = B\varphi$  it is valid the equality

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow y} u(x) = \varphi(y). \quad (7)$$

If there exist at least one continuous function  $\varphi$  on  $D$ , for which (7) is not fulfilled, the point  $y$  is called irregular.

**Lemma 21.** The point  $y \in \partial D$  is regular if and only if there exists the barrier  $\mathcal{G}_y$  in it.

**Lemma 22.** Let  $u(x)$  is a capacity potential of the compactum  $\mathcal{K} \subset \Sigma$ . Then

$$u(y) = \lim_{\substack{x \rightarrow y \\ x \in \Sigma \setminus \mathcal{K}}} u(x)$$

**Corollary 6.** Let  $\mathcal{K} \subset \Sigma$  be some compactum  $y \in \partial\mathcal{K}$ ,  $u(x)$  is a capacitary potential of  $\mathcal{K}$ . For  $u(y)=1$ , it is necessary and sufficient that  $u(x)$  was continuous at the point  $y$ .

**Lemma 23.**  $y \in \partial D$  will be a regular boundary point if and only if for any  $\rho > 0$   $u_\rho(y)=1$ , where  $u_\rho$  is a capacitary potential of the set  $A_\rho = (\Sigma \setminus D) \cap \mathcal{E}_\rho^y(1)$ .

**Lemma 24.** The point  $y \in \partial D$  will be irregular if and only if

$$\lim_{\rho \rightarrow 0} u_\rho(y) = 0. \quad (8)$$

**Lemma 25.** If  $\rho > r$ , then

$$\mu_r(A_r) = \mu_\rho(A_r) + \int_{A_\rho \setminus A_r} u_r d\mu_\rho. \quad (9)$$

**Proof.** It follows from Lemma 20, Corollary 4, and Fubini's theorem that

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_r(A_r) &= \int_{A_r} u_\rho d\mu_r = \int_{A_r} \left( \int_{A_r} g(x, y) d\mu_\rho(y) \right) d\mu_r(x) = \int_{A_r} u_r(y) d\mu_\rho(y) = \\ &= \int_{A_r} u_r d\mu_\rho + \int_{A_\rho \setminus A_r} u_r d\mu_\rho = \mu_\rho(A_r) + \int_{A_\rho \setminus A_r} u_r d\mu_\rho. \end{aligned}$$

The Lemma is proved.

**Corollary 7.**  $\mu_\rho(A_r) \leq \mu_r(A_r) = \text{cap}_\Sigma(A_r)$ .

**Theorem 1.** For the point  $O \in \partial D$  to be regular, it is necessary and sufficient that

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\text{cap}_\Sigma(A_{2^{-k}})}{\text{cap}_\Sigma(\mathcal{E}_{2^{-k}}^O(1))} = \infty. \quad (10)$$

**Proof. Necessity.** Let the condition (10) be not fulfilled, i.e.

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\text{cap}_\Sigma(A_{2^{-k}})}{\text{cap}_\Sigma(\mathcal{E}_{2^{-k}}^O(1))} < \infty. \quad (11)$$

Fix arbitrary  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Then it follows from (11) that there exists  $m = m(\varepsilon)$  such that

$$\sum_{k=m}^{\infty} \frac{\text{cap}_\Sigma(A_{2^{-k}})}{\text{cap}_\Sigma(\mathcal{E}_{2^{-k}}^O(1))} < \varepsilon. \quad (12)$$

We have

$$u_{2^{-m}}(0) = \int_{A_{2^{-m}}} g(x, 0) d\mu_{2^{-m}}(x),$$

where  $\mu_{2^{-m}}$  is the capacitary distribution of  $A_{2^{-m}}$ . Further

$$\int_{A_{2^{-m}}} g(x, 0) d\mu_{2^{-m}}(x) = \sum_{k=m}^{\infty} \int_{A_{2^{-k}} \setminus A_{2^{-k-1}}} g(x, 0) d\mu_{2^{-m}}(x) \leq \sum_{k=m}^{\infty} \sup_{k=m \leq x \in A_{2^{-k}} \setminus A_{2^{-k-1}}} g(x, 0) \mu_{2^{-m}}(A_{2^{-k}}).$$

Thus

$$u_{2^{-m}}(0) \leq \sum_{k=m}^{\infty} \sup_{k=m \leq x \in A_{2^{-k}} \setminus A_{2^{-k-1}}} g(x, 0) \text{cap}_\Sigma(A_{2^{-k}}). \quad (13)$$

By the Harnack's type inequality and Lemma 15 we get

$$u_{2^{-m}}(0) \leq c_{16} \sum_{k=m}^{\infty} \frac{\text{cap}_\Sigma(A_{2^{-k}})}{\text{cap}_\Sigma(\mathcal{E}_{2^{-k}}^O(1))} < c_{16} \cdot \varepsilon.$$

Since  $\varepsilon > 0$  is arbitrary, then  $\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} u_{2^{-m}}(0) = 0$ . By the Lemma 24 the point 0 is irregular.

**Sufficiency.** Let 0 be an irregular point. We have

$$u_{2^{-m}}(0) \geq \sum_{k=m}^{\infty} \inf_{x \in A_{2^{-k}} \setminus A_{2^{-k-1}}} g(x, 0) [\mu_{2^{-m}}(A_{2^{-k}}) - \mu_{2^{-m}}(A_{2^{-k-1}})]. \quad (14)$$

Further

$$\inf_{x \in A_{2^{-k}} \setminus A_{2^{-k-1}}} g(x, 0) \geq c_{17} \frac{1}{\text{cap}_{\Sigma}(\mathcal{E}_{2^{-k}}^0(1))}.$$

Using this in (14), we get

$$u_{2^{-m}}(0) \geq c_{17} \sum_{k=m}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\text{cap}_{\Sigma}(\mathcal{E}_{2^{-k}}^0(1))} [\mu_{2^{-m}}(A_{2^{-k}}) - \mu_{2^{-m}}(A_{2^{-k-1}})]. \quad (15)$$

By Lemma 16 we get

$$u_{2^{-m}}(0) \geq c_{18} \sum_{k=m}^{\infty} 2^{k(n-2)} \prod_{i=1}^n 2^{k\alpha_i/2} [\mu_{2^{-m}}(A_{2^{-k}}) - \mu_{2^{-m}}(A_{2^{-k-1}})]. \quad (16)$$

Now apply Abel's summation formula

$$u_{2^{-m}}(0) \geq c_{19} \sum_{k=m+2}^{\infty} \frac{\mu_{2^{-m}}(A_{2^{-k}})}{\text{cap}_{\Sigma}(\mathcal{E}_{2^{-k}}^0(1))}. \quad (17)$$

By Lemma 25 and the Harnack's type inequality

$$u_{2^{-m}}(0) \geq \frac{c_{19}}{2} \sum_{k=m+2}^{\infty} \frac{\text{cap}_{\Sigma}(A_{2^{-k}})}{\text{cap}_{\Sigma}(\mathcal{E}_{2^{-k}}^0(1))}.$$

Since  $u_{2^{-m}}(0) \rightarrow 0$  for  $m \rightarrow \infty$ , then

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=m+2}^{\infty} \frac{\text{cap}_{\Sigma}(A_{2^{-k}})}{\text{cap}_{\Sigma}(\mathcal{E}_{2^{-k}}^0(1))} = 0,$$

i.e.  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\text{cap}_{\Sigma}(A_{2^{-k}})}{\text{cap}_{\Sigma}(\mathcal{E}_{2^{-k}}^0(1))} < \infty$  and the Theorem is proved.

**Corollary 8.** For the regularity of the point  $0 \in \partial D$  it is necessary and sufficient that

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} 2^{k(n-2+|\alpha|/2)} \text{cap}(A_{2^{-k}}) = \infty,$$

where  $|\alpha| = \alpha_1 + \dots + \alpha_n$ .

Let  $\chi(\tau) = \frac{\text{Cap}(A_{\tau})}{\text{Cap}(\mathcal{E}_{\tau}^0(1))}$ ,  $\tau \in (0, d)$ ,  $d = \text{diam} D$ .

**Corollary 9.** For the regularity of the point  $0 \in \partial D$ , it is necessary and sufficient that

$$\int_0^d \frac{\chi(\tau)}{\tau} d\tau = \infty.$$

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