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1. Let $c \ge 1$, and let $G \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ be an open set. A positive, continuous function $u: G \to \mathbb{R}_+ \setminus \{0\}$ is called a *c*-Harnack function if the inequality

$$\sup_{\mathbf{B}^n(x,r)} u(z) \le c \inf_{\mathbf{B}^n(x,r)} u(z)$$

holds whenever $\mathbf{B}^n(x, 2r) \subset G$. Well known examples of functions satisfying Harnack's inequality are positive harmonic functions in the plane.

(a) Let $u(z) = \arg z$ and $G = \mathbb{C} \setminus \{x \in \mathbb{R} : x \ge 0\}$. Find a constant $c \ge 1$ such that u(z) is c-Harnack in G.

(b) Let $K \subset G$ be compact and u(z) as in (a). Does there exist a constant D depending on $d(K)/d(K, \partial G)$ such that

$$u(z_1) \le D \, u(z_2)$$

for all $z_1, z_2 \in K$? Hint. Show that in the domain of part (a) there are compact sets K such that the quasihyperbolic diameter of K does not have a majorant in terms of $d(K)/d(K, \partial G)$.

(c) Let $K \subset G$ be compact. Show that $u(x) = \exp(-k_G(x, K))$ satisfies the Harnack inequality.

2. Let $G, G' \subset \mathbf{R}^n$ and $f : (G, k_G) \to (G', k'_G)$ be uniformly continuous, and let $b' \in \partial G'$. Show that $u : G \to R_+, u(x) = |f(x) - b'|$ satisfies Harnack's inequality.

3. Let $E \subset \mathbf{B}^n$ be compact. Suppose that

$$m_n(E_k) = a_k, E_k = \{x \in \mathbf{R}^n \setminus E : 2^{-k-1} < d(x, E) < 2^{-k}\}, k = 1, 2, \dots$$

Use Lemma 5.24[CGQM] to find an upper bound for $M(\Delta(E, S^{n-1}(2)))$. Apply your bound to give a sufficient condition for cap E = 0 in terms of the numbers (a_k) .

4. Let $G = \mathbf{B}^n \setminus \{0\}, f : G \to G' = f(G)$, be a homeomorphism with the property that there exist curves $\alpha_j : [0,1) \to G, j = 1, 2$, such that $\alpha_j(t) \to 0, f(\alpha_j(t)) \to \beta_j \in \partial G', t \to 1$. Show that $\beta_1 = \beta_2$ if there exists $C \ge 1$ with $k_{G'}(f(x), f(y)) \le Ck_G(x, y)$ for all $x, y \in G$. Show that $\beta_1 = \beta_2$ also holds if there exists $K \geq 1$ such that $\mathsf{M}(\Gamma) \leq K\mathsf{M}(f\Gamma) \leq K^2\mathsf{M}(\Gamma)$ for all curve families Γ in G.

5. Let $D = \{z \in \mathbf{C} : 0 < \arg z < \theta, 0 < |z| < 1\}, z_1 = 1, z_2 = e^{i\alpha}$ for $0 < \alpha < \theta, z_3 = e^{i\theta}$ and $z_4 = 0$. Find the modulus of the quadrilateral $(D; z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4)$.

In other words, find a conformal map of D onto $\{z \in \mathbb{C} : \operatorname{Im} z > 0\}$ such that the points z_k are mapped onto the real axis and compute the cross ratio of these points.

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