

Prime ends

$\neq \Omega$ -bounded domain. (Remark: the same in spherical metric).

**Lemma** (Koebe)  $f: D \rightarrow \Omega$ -conformal,  $\gamma$ -crosscut in  $\Omega \Rightarrow f^{-1}(\gamma)$  is crosscut in  $D$ .

Pf  $f^{-1}(\gamma)$  - an arc in  $D$ . Need  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \rho_1} f^{-1}(\gamma(t))$  \*

Assume  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \rho} f^{-1}(\gamma(t))$  does not exist

$\Rightarrow \exists (t_n), (t'_n) \rightarrow \rho, \gamma(t_n) \rightarrow z_0 \neq z_1 \leftarrow \gamma(t'_n)$

By Laurentier (or extended version)  $\lim_{h \rightarrow \infty} \text{diam } \gamma(t_n, t'_n) \geq c|z_1 - z_2|^{1/2}$

$\lim_{h \rightarrow \infty} \text{diam } \gamma(t_n, t'_n) \rightarrow 0$  contradiction ■

**Def** - Chain  $(\gamma_n, \mathcal{D}_n)$  in  $\Omega$ :  $\gamma_n$  - crosscut in  $\Omega$ ,  $\mathcal{D}_n$  - one of the components of  $\Omega \setminus \gamma_n$ , such that:

- 1)  $\text{diam } \gamma_n \rightarrow 0$  2)  $\mathcal{D}_n \supset \mathcal{D}_{n+1}$  3)  $\text{dist}(\gamma_n, \gamma_{n+1}) > 0$ .  Yes  No

**Def** Two chains are equivalent,  $(\gamma_n, \mathcal{D}_n) \sim (\gamma'_n, \mathcal{D}'_n)$  if  $\forall n \mathcal{D}_n$  contains all but finitely many  $\mathcal{D}'_m$  and the same is true for  $\mathcal{D}'_n$  and  $\mathcal{D}_m$ .

**Def** Prime end - equivalence class of crosscuts.

**Lemma** Preimage of a chain under  $f: D \rightarrow \Omega$  is a chain.

Pf  $f^{-1}(\gamma_n)$  - crosscut,  $\text{diam } f^{-1}(\gamma_n) \leq c\sqrt{\text{diam } \gamma_n}$  - by our remark,  $\text{dist} > 0$ , By Wolff,

$f^{-1}(\mathcal{D}_{n+1}) \subset f^{-1}(\mathcal{D}_n)$

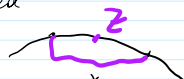


**Corollary**  $f^{-1}$ (Prime end) - prime end.

**Def**  $P$  - prime end, support of prime end  $I(P) := \bigcap \overline{\mathcal{D}_n}$  (does not depend on chain).

$I(P)$  - compact, connected

Examples: 0)  $D$

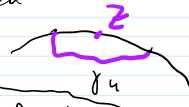


$I(P) = \{z\} \in \mathbb{T}$

$\int_{|w-z|=\epsilon} \frac{1}{w-z} = \frac{1}{z}$

$\mathbb{D}$  - compact, connected

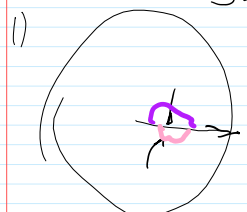
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$$I(P) = \{z \in \mathbb{T} \mid \text{dist}(\gamma_n(0), \gamma_n(1)) \rightarrow 0\}$$

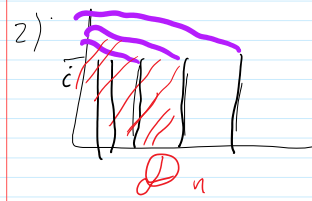
$$|w-z| = \frac{1}{n}$$

$$\Omega = \mathbb{D} \setminus [0, 1]$$



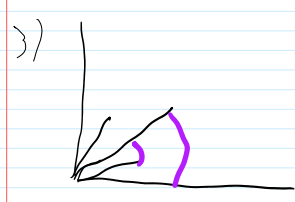
Two prime ends for which

$$I(P) = \{z\} \text{ if } z \in [0, 1].$$



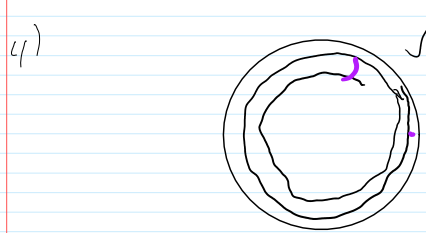
$$\Omega = \{ \text{Re } z > 0, \text{Im } z > 0 \} \setminus \bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} \{ \text{Re } z = \frac{1}{j}, 0 \leq \text{Im } z \leq 1 \}$$

$$I(P) = [0, i].$$



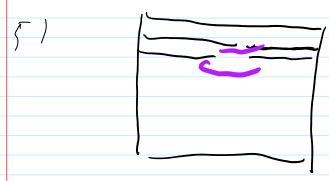
$$\Omega = \{ \text{Re } z > 0, \text{Im } z > 0 \} \setminus \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} \bigcup_{n=2^{k-1}}^{2^k-1} \{ \arg z = \frac{2k-1}{2^n} \pi, \frac{1}{2^n} \leq |z| \leq \frac{1}{2^{n-1}} \}$$

Uncountably many  $P$  with  $I(P) = \{0\}$ .

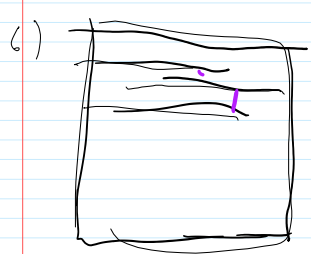


$$\Omega = \mathbb{D} \setminus \gamma, \quad \gamma - \text{spiral over } \mathbb{T}^2.$$

Then  $\exists P: I(P) = \mathbb{T}$ .



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Thm (Carathéodory)  $f: \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \Omega$ . The correspondence  $P \rightarrow \bigcap f^{-1}(\mathcal{D}_n)$  is a bijection between prime ends and  $\partial \mathbb{D}$ .

Pf. 1)  $f^{-1}(P)$  - prime end  $\Rightarrow \forall P \exists!$  point in  $\mathbb{T}^1, \bigcap f^{-1}(\mathcal{D}_n)$ .

2) Injective: Let  $P \rightarrow \xi, P' \rightarrow \xi' \Rightarrow (f^{-1}(\mathcal{D}_n), f^{-1}(\mathcal{D}_n)) \sim (f^{-1}(\mathcal{D}_n'), f^{-1}(\mathcal{D}_n')) \stackrel{\text{take } f}{\Rightarrow} ( \mathcal{D}_n, \mathcal{D}_n ) \sim ( \mathcal{D}_n', \mathcal{D}_n' )$ .

3) Surjective: Take  $\xi \in \partial \mathbb{D}$ . Take  $z_n \in \mathbb{D}, (z_n) \rightarrow \xi$ .

By Wolff,  $\exists$  crosscut  $\gamma_n$  such that  $\gamma_n$  separates  $\xi$  and  $z_n$  from  $0$ ,  $\text{diam } \gamma_n \leq \frac{1}{2^n}$ , and  $f^{-1}(\gamma_n)$  - a circular arc of radius  $r_n$ , centered at  $\xi$ .

By Laurentien,  $r_n \rightarrow 0$ . Select  $r_{n_k} \rightarrow 0$ .

Then  $(\gamma_{n_k}, f^{-1}(\{ |z| < 1, |z - \xi| < r_{n_k} \}))$  - prime end.

Corollary  $(\mathcal{D}_n, \mathcal{D}_n) \neq (\mathcal{D}_n', \mathcal{D}_n') \Leftrightarrow \exists n: \mathcal{D}_n \cap \mathcal{D}_n' = \emptyset$ .

Pf. Pull back to  $\mathbb{D}$ .

Def.  $\mathcal{P}(\Omega)$  - set of prime ends - Carathéodory boundary.  $\hat{\Omega} := \Omega \cup \mathcal{P}(\Omega), \hat{f}: \hat{\mathbb{D}} \rightarrow \hat{\Omega}$ .

Carathéodory metric extends to  $\mathcal{P}(\Omega)$ ; the shortest crosscut separating  $z_1 \in \partial \Omega, z_2 \in \Omega$  from  $z_2$ .  
As before,  $c(z_1, z_2) \leq \rho(\hat{f}(z_1), \hat{f}(z_2)) \leq \frac{c}{\sqrt{1 - |z_1 - z_2|^2}}$ .

( $\partial \Omega$  - Jordan curve)

Thm (Carathéodory).  $\Omega$  - Jordan domain, then conformal  $f: \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \Omega$  can be extended to homeo:  $\hat{f}: \hat{\mathbb{D}} \rightarrow \hat{\Omega}$ .

Pf. Need to check:

1)  $\hat{f}(P)$  - single point  $\forall P$   
 $\hookrightarrow \lim \mathcal{D}(t_n) = \lim \mathcal{D}(t_n') = \hat{f}(P)$ .

$\gamma_n$  joins  $\mathcal{D}(t_n)$  to  $\mathcal{D}(t_n')$ ,  $\mathcal{D}$ -homeo  $\Rightarrow |t_n - t_n'| \rightarrow 0, |\mathcal{D}(t_n) - \mathcal{D}(t_n')| \rightarrow 0$ .

2) Every point is  $\hat{f}(P)$  at the boundary.  $\mathcal{D}_n = \text{component } B(r, \frac{1}{n}) \cap \Omega$  containing  $\xi$

$\gamma_n := \partial \mathcal{D}_n \setminus \partial \Omega$

Remark. Same way can prove:  $f: D \rightarrow \mathcal{N}$  extends to  $f: \bar{D} \rightarrow \bar{\mathcal{N}}$  iff  $\partial D$  is locally connected, i.e.  $\forall \varepsilon > 0 \exists \delta > 0: z_1, z_2 \in \partial D, |z_1 - z_2| < \delta \Rightarrow \exists C \subset \partial D$   
 $z_1, z_2 \in C, C$ -connected,  $\text{diam } C < \varepsilon$ .