

Lecture 24, December 8

NECESSARY CONDITIONS OF REPRESENTABILITY BY QUADRATURES, k -QUADRATURES AND GENERALIZED QUADRATURES

The main theorem, together with the computation of classes of group pairs, provides topological obstructions to representability of functions by generalized quadratures, by k -quadratures and by quadratures. Let us summarize this information.

Let us start with the definition of the class of functions representable by single valued \mathcal{S} -functions and quadratures (k -quadratures, generalized quadratures). We will define these classes by providing a list of basic functions and a list of admissible operations.

FUNCTIONS REPRESENTABLE BY SINGLE VALUED \mathcal{S} -FUNCTIONS AND QUADRATURES

The *list of basic functions*: single valued \mathcal{S} -functions.

The *list of admissible operations*: compositions, meromorphic operations, differentiation, integration.

FUNCTIONS REPRESENTABLE BY SINGLE VALUED \mathcal{S} -FUNCTIONS AND k -QUADRATURES

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It is readily seen from the definition that the class of functions representable by single valued \mathcal{S} -functions and quadratures (k -quadratures, generalized quadratures) contains the class of functions representable by quadratures (k -quadratures, generalized quadratures).

It is clear that the classes of functions just defined are much broader than their classical analogs. Therefore, say, the claim that a function f does not belong to the class of functions representable by single valued \mathcal{S} -functions and quadratures is considerably stronger than the claim

that f is not representable by quadratures.

Proposition 1. *The class of functions representable by single valued \mathcal{S} -functions and quadratures (k -quadratures, generalized quadratures) is contained in the class of \mathcal{S} -functions.*

This proposition follows immediately from the theorem on the stability of the class of \mathcal{S} -functions.

A RESULT ON GENERALIZED QUADRATURES. *The closed monodromy pair $[f]$ of a function f representable by generalized quadratures has a normal tower such that each divisor of this tower is either a finite group or a commutative group. Furthermore, this condition is fulfilled for the closed monodromy pair $[f]$ of every function f representable by single valued \mathcal{S} -functions and generalized quadratures. If the function f is almost normal,*

then the monodromy group of the function $[f]$ also satisfies this condition.

A RESULT ON K -QUADRATURES. *The closed monodromy pair $[f]$ of a function f representable by k -quadratures, has a normal tower such that each divisor of this tower is either a subgroup of the group $S(k)$, or a commutative group. Furthermore, this condition is fulfilled for the closed monodromy pair $[f]$ of every function f representable by single valued \mathcal{S} -functions and k -quadratures. If the function f is almost normal, then the monodromy group of the function f also satisfies this condition.*

A RESULT ON QUADRATURES. *The closed monodromy group of a function f representable by quadratures is solvable. Furthermore, the closed monodromy group of every function f representable by single valued \mathcal{S} -functions and quadratures, is solvable.*

To prove these results, it suffices to apply the main theorem to the classes

$$\hat{\mathcal{M}}\langle\mathbb{C}, \mathcal{K}\rangle, \hat{\mathcal{M}}\langle\mathbb{C}, S(k)\rangle \quad \text{and} \quad \hat{\mathcal{M}}\langle\mathbb{C}\rangle$$

of \mathcal{S} -functions, and to use the computation of the classes

$$\mathcal{M}\langle\mathbb{C}, \mathcal{K}\rangle, \mathcal{M}\langle\mathbb{C}, S(k)\rangle \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{M}\langle\mathbb{C}\rangle.$$

Let us now give examples of functions not representable by generalized quadratures. Let the Riemann surface of a function f be the universal covering of the region $S^2 \setminus A$, where S^2 is the Riemann sphere, and A is a finite set containing at least three points. Then *the function f is not representable by single-valued \mathcal{S} -functions and generalized quadratures.*

Indeed, the function f is an almost normal function. The closed monodromy group of the function f is free and noncommutative, since the fundamental group of the region $S^2 \setminus A$ is free and noncommutative.

EXAMPLE 1. Consider the function f that maps the upper half-plane conformally onto a triangle with zero angles, bounded by arcs of circles. The function f is the inverse of the Picard modular function. The Riemann surface of the function f is the universal covering of the sphere with 3 punctures, hence the function f is not representable by single valued \mathcal{S} -functions and generalized quadratures.

Note that the function f is closely related to the elliptic integrals

$$K_1(k) = \int_0^1 \frac{dx}{\sqrt{(1-x^2)(1-k^2x^2)}} \quad \text{and}$$

$$K_2(k) = \int_0^{\frac{1}{k}} \frac{dx}{\sqrt{(1-x^2)(1-k^2x^2)}}.$$

Each of the three functions K_1 , K_2 and f can be expressed by quadratures through each function. Hence *each of the integrals K_1 and K_2 is not representable by \mathcal{S} -functions and generalized quadratures.*

Example 1 admits a substantial generalization. Below we provide the list of all polygons bounded by arcs of circles that are the images of the upper half-plane under functions representable by generalized quadratures.

EXAMPLE 2. Let f be a k -valued algebraic function with simple ram-

ification points located in different geometric points of the Riemann sphere. *For $k > 4$, the function f is not representable by single valued \mathcal{S} -functions and $(k - 1)$ -quadratures, compositions and meromorphic operations. In particular, the function f is not representable by $(k - 1)$ -quadratures.*

Indeed, a loop around a simple ramification point of the function f gives rise to a transposition of the set of branches of this function. The monodromy group of the function f is a transitive permutation group generated by transpositions, i.e. the group $S(k)$.

For $k > 4$, the group $S(k)$ does not lie in the class

$$\mathcal{M}\langle\mathbb{C}, S(k - 1)\rangle.$$

In fact, the topological results on non-representability of functions by quadratures (k -quadratures and generalized quadratures) can be

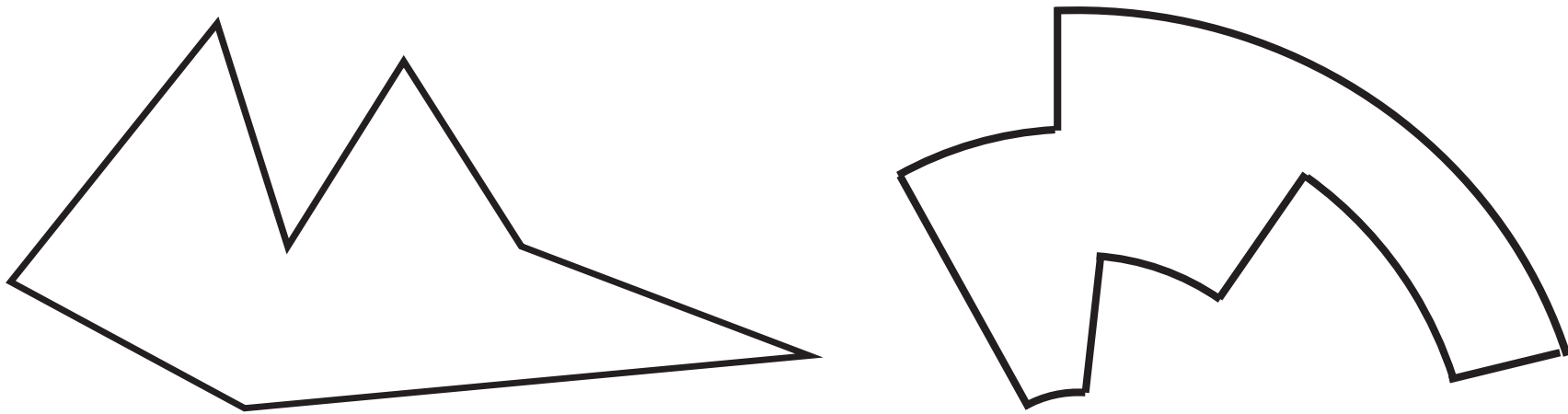


Figure 1: The first and the second cases of integrability

generalized to the case of functions of several complex variables (you can find this result in my book).

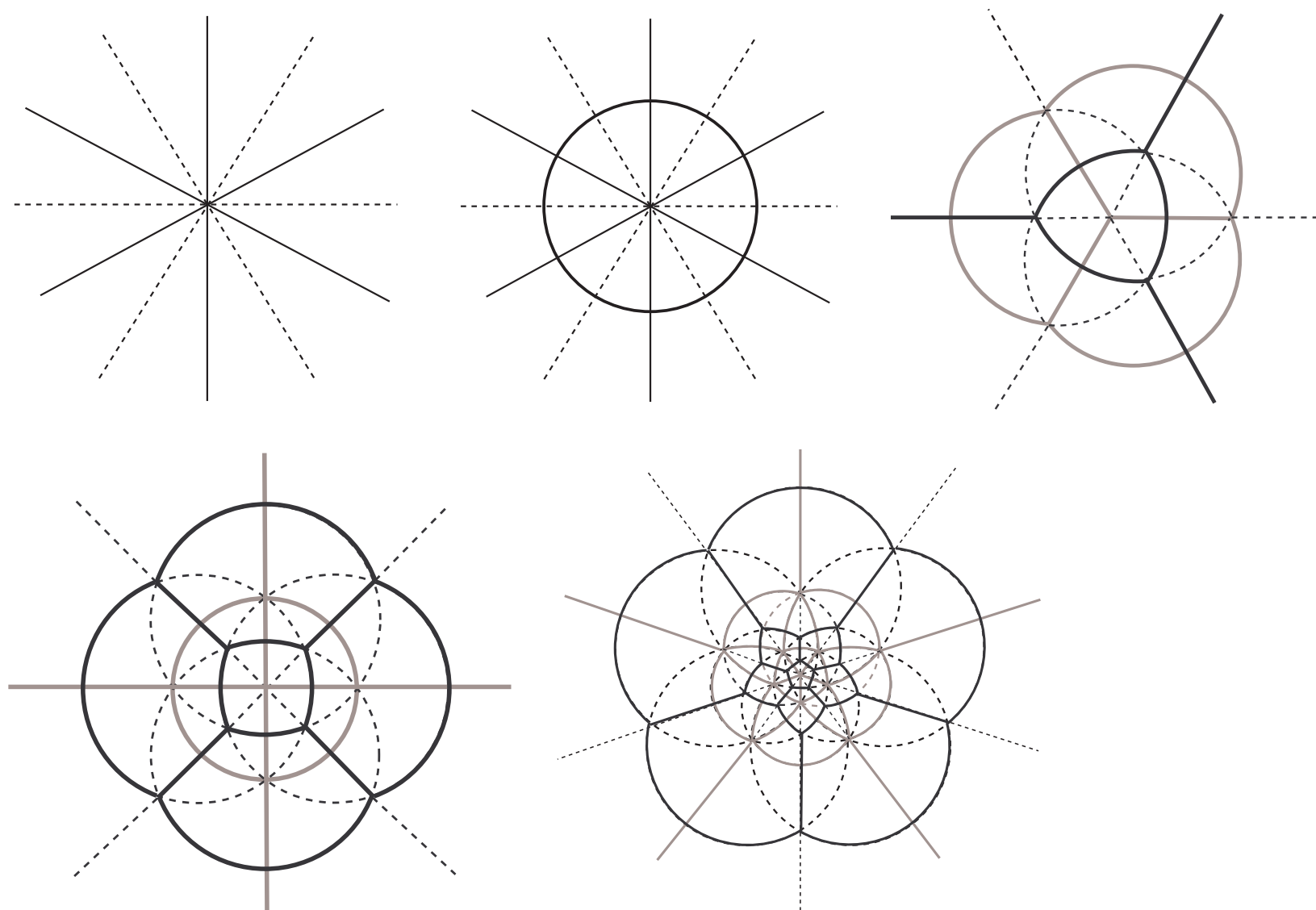


Figure 2: Finite nets of great circles

CLASSES OF SINGULAR SETS AND A GENERALIZATION OF THE MAIN THEOREM

Above we considered \mathcal{S} -functions, i.e. multivalued analytic functions of a complex variable, whose singular sets are at most countable. Let \mathcal{S} be the class of all at most countable subsets of the Riemann sphere S^2 . Let us list the properties of the class \mathcal{S} that we have actively used:

1. If $A \in \mathcal{S}$, then the set $S^2 \setminus A$ is dense and locally path connected,
2. There exists a nonempty set A such that $A \in \mathcal{S}$,
3. If $A \in \mathcal{S}$ and $B \subseteq A$, then $B \in \mathcal{S}$,
4. If $A_i \in \mathcal{S}$, $i = 1, 2, \dots$, then $\bigcup_1^\infty A_i \in \mathcal{S}$,
5. Let U_1 and U_2 be open subsets of the sphere and $f : U_1 \rightarrow U_2$ an invertible analytic map, then if $A \subseteq U_1$ and $A \in \mathcal{S}$, then $f(A) \in \mathcal{S}$.

A *complete class of sets* is any class of subsets of the Riemann sphere satisfying properties 1–5. A multivalued analytic function will be called a *Q-function* if its singular point set lies in some complete class Q of sets.

All definitions and theorems carry over to Q -functions. Thus, for example, we have

A version of the main theorem. *For every complete class Q of sets and every complete class \mathcal{M} of group pairs, the class $\hat{\mathcal{M}}$ consisting of all Q -functions f such that $[f] \in \mathcal{M}$ is stable under differentiation, composition and meromorphic operations. If, in addition,*

1. $\mathbb{C} \in \mathcal{M}$, then the class $\hat{\mathcal{M}}$ of Q -functions is stable under the integration,
2. $S(k) \in \mathcal{M}$, then the class $\hat{\mathcal{M}}$ of Q -functions is stable under the operation of solving algebraic equations of degrees at most k .

Let us give an example of a complete class of sets. Let X_α be the set of all subsets of the Riemann sphere with the zero Hausdorff measure of weight α . It is not hard to show that for $\alpha \leq 1$ the set X_α is a complete class of subsets of the sphere. Note that the new formulation of the main theorem allows us to strengthen all negative results. Consider, for example, the result of non-representability of functions by quadratures. (The results of non-representability by k -quadratures and by generalized quadratures can be generalized in the same way.) Define the following class of functions.

FUNCTIONS REPRESENTABLE BY SINGLE VALUED X_1 -FUNCTIONS AND QUADRATURES.

The list of BASIC FUNCTIONS: single valued X_1 -functions.

The LIST OF ADMISSIBLE OPERATIONS: composition, meromorphic operations, differentiation, integration. *By the new formula-*

tion of the main theorem, a \mathcal{S} -function having an unsolvable monodromy group is not only non-representable by quadratures, but also non-representable by single valued X_1 -functions and quadratures.

Corollary 1. *If a polygon G bounded by circle arcs satisfies neither of the three integrability conditions, then the function f_G cannot be expressed by generalized quadratures, compositions and meromorphic operations through single valued X_1 -functions.*