

# Wiener Functions of a Biharmonic Space

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## 1. Introduction

Let  $X$  be a connected, locally connected and locally compact Hausdorff space with a countable basis and  $(X, \mathbf{H})$  be an elliptic biharmonic space in the sense of Smyrnélis [9]. We denote by  $(X, \mathbf{H}_j)$  ( $j=1, 2$ ) the Brelot's harmonic spaces associated with  $(X, \mathbf{H})$  and by  $\mathbf{W}^{(j)}(X)$  the totality of bounded continuous Wiener functions of  $(X, \mathbf{H}_j)$  ( $j=1, 2$ ). In this note we consider analogously the totality of bounded continuous Wiener functions  $\mathbf{W}(X, \mathbf{H})$  of an elliptic biharmonic space  $(X, \mathbf{H})$  (see § 3 for the definition) and give a characterization of  $\mathbf{W}(X, \mathbf{H})$  as follows.

Supposing that  $(X, \mathbf{H})$  has the  $\mathbf{H}_1$ -Green's function and the constant function 1 is in  $\mathbf{W}^{(2)}(X)$ , we shall show that the following six conditions are equivalent :

- (1)  $(0, 1) \in \mathbf{W}(X, \mathbf{H})$  ; (2)  $(0, e_2)$  is  $\mathbf{H}$ -harmonizable, where  $e_2 = h_1^{(2)}$  ;
- (3)  $\bar{\mathbf{W}}(0, 1) \neq \phi$  ;
- (4)  $\int G_1(x, y) e_2(y) d\alpha(y) < +\infty$  for some  $x \in X$ , where  $G_1(x, y)$  is the  $\mathbf{H}_1$ -Green's function of  $X$  and  $\alpha$  is the composing measure of  $(X, \mathbf{H})$  ;
- (5)  $\{f : (0, f) \in \mathbf{W}(X, \mathbf{H})\} = \mathbf{W}^{(2)}(X)$  ; (6)  $\mathbf{W}(X, \mathbf{H}) = \mathbf{W}^{(1)}(X) \times \mathbf{W}^{(2)}(X)$ .

Let  $(X_1^*, X_2^*)$  be a couple of two compactifications of  $X$  and  $(\Delta_1, \Delta_2)$  be a couple of their ideal boundaries (i. e.  $\Delta_j = X_j - X$  ( $j=1, 2$ )). A couple  $(X_1^*, X_2^*)$  is called  $\mathbf{H}$ -resolutive if for any couple  $(f_1, f_2)$  of bounded continuous functions  $f_j$  on  $\Delta_j$  ( $j=1, 2$ ) there exists  $(H_1(f_1, f_2), H_2(f_1, f_2)) \in \mathbf{H}(X)$  with the boundary value  $(f_1, f_2)$ . Supposing that there exists  $(t_1, t_2) \in \mathcal{S}(X)$  with  $\inf_{x \in X} t_j(x) > 0$  ( $j=1, 2$ ) and the constant function 1 is in  $\mathbf{W}^{(2)}(X)$ , we shall show that  $(X_1^*, X_2^*)$  is  $\mathbf{H}$ -resolutive if and only if  $X_j^*$  is  $\mathbf{H}_j$ -resolutive ( $j=1, 2$ ). Hence in this case we know that the Riquier's boundary value problem on the ideal boundaries has a unique solution.

## 2. Biharmonic spaces

Let  $X$  be a connected, locally connected and locally compact Hausdorff space with a countable basis. For an open set  $U = \phi$  in  $X$ , we denote by  $\mathbf{C}(U)$  the real vector space of finite continuous functions on  $U$ . An element  $(h_1, h_2)$  in  $\mathbf{C}(U) \times \mathbf{C}(U)$  is called compatible if  $h_1 = 0$  on an open subset  $U'$  of  $U$  implies  $h_2 = 0$  on  $U'$ . Let  $\mathbf{H}$  be an application  $U \rightarrow \mathbf{H}(U)$ , where  $\mathbf{H}(U)$  is a real vector subspace of compatible couples in  $\mathbf{C}(U) \times \mathbf{C}(U)$ . An element in  $\mathbf{H}(U)$  is called  $\mathbf{H}$ -harmonic in  $U$ .

A relatively compact open set  $\omega$  in  $X$  is called  $\mathbf{H}$ -regular if for any couple of  $(f_1, f_2)$  of finite continuous functions on the boundary  $\partial\omega$  of  $\omega$ , there exists a unique  $(h_1, h_2) \in \mathbf{H}(\omega)$  such that:

- (i)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} h_j(x) = f_j(a)$  for any  $a \in \partial\omega$  ( $j=1, 2$ );
- (ii)  $f_j \geq 0$  ( $j=1, 2$ ) implies  $h_1 \geq 0$  and  $f_2 \geq 0$  implies  $h_2 \geq 0$ .

For an  $\mathbf{H}$ -regular set  $\omega$ , there exists a unique system  $(\mu_x^\omega, \nu_x^\omega, \lambda_x^\omega)$  of positive Radon measures on  $\partial\omega$  such that

$$h_1(x) = \int f_1 d\mu_x^\omega + \int f_2 d\nu_x^\omega, \quad h_2(x) = \int f_2 d\lambda_x^\omega.$$

This system is called the system of biharmonic measures of  $(X, \mathbf{H})$ .

We say that  $(X, \mathbf{H})$  is an elliptic biharmonic space in the sense of Smyrnelis [9] if it satisfies the following four axioms.

**Axiom I.**  $\mathbf{H}$  is a sheaf on  $X$ .

**Axiom II.** The  $\mathbf{H}$ -regular open sets form a basis of  $X$ .

Let  $U$  be an open set in  $X$ . A couple  $(v_1, v_2)$  of functions on  $U$  is called  $\mathbf{H}$ -hyperharmonic on  $U$  if

- (i)  $v_j$  is lower semi-continuous and  $> -\infty$  on  $U$  ( $j=1, 2$ ),
- (ii)  $v_1(x) \geq \int v_1 d\mu_x^\omega + \int v_2 d\nu_x^\omega$  and  $v_2(x) \geq \int v_2 d\lambda_x^\omega$  for any  $\mathbf{H}$ -regular neighborhood  $\omega$  of  $x$  with  $\bar{\omega} \subset U$ .

The set of all  $\mathbf{H}$ -hyperharmonic couples on  $U$  is denoted by  $\mathbf{H}^*(U)$ . A couple  $(s_1, s_2) \in \mathbf{H}^*(U)$  is called  $\mathbf{H}$ -superharmonic on  $U$  if  $s_j$  is not identically  $+\infty$  on any connected component of  $U$  ( $j=1, 2$ ) and an  $\mathbf{H}$ -superharmonic couple  $(p_1, p_2)$  on  $U$  is called  $\mathbf{H}$ -potential on  $U$  if  $p_j \geq 0$  and, for any  $(h_1, h_2) \in \mathbf{H}(U)$ ,  $h_j = 0$  so far as  $0 \leq h_j \leq p_j$  ( $j=1, 2$ ). The set of all  $\mathbf{H}$ -superharmonic couples (resp.  $\mathbf{H}$ -potentials) on  $U$  is denoted by  $\mathbf{S}(U)$  (resp.  $\mathbf{P}(U)$ ). For an open set  $U$ , we put  $\mathbf{H}_j^*(U) = \{v_1 : (v_1, 0) \in \mathbf{H}^*(U)\}$ ,  $\mathbf{H}_j^*(U) = \{v_2 : (v_1, v_2) \in \mathbf{H}^*(U) \text{ for some } v_1\}$ , and  $\mathbf{H}_j(U) = \mathbf{H}_j^*(U) \cap [-\mathbf{H}_j^*(U)]$  ( $j=1, 2$ ).

**Axiom III.** (i)  $\mathbf{H}_j^*(X)$  separates the points of  $X$  linearly ( $j=1, 2$ ).  
(ii) On each relatively compact open set  $U$  there exists a strictly positive  $h_j \in \mathbf{H}_j(U)$  ( $j=1, 2$ ).

**Axiom IV.** If  $U$  is a domain in  $X$  and  $\{h_j^{(n)}\}_n$  is an increasing sequence of functions in  $\mathbf{H}_j(U)$ , then either  $\sup_n h_j^{(n)} = +\infty$  or  $\sup_n h_j^{(n)} \in \mathbf{H}_j(U)$  ( $j=1, 2$ ).

Set  $\mathbf{H}_j = \{\mathbf{H}_j(U) : U \text{ is open set in } X\}$ . It is shown by Theorem 1.29 in [9] that  $(X, \mathbf{H}_j)$  ( $j=1, 2$ ) is a Brelot's harmonic space. We call  $(X, \mathbf{H}_j)$  ( $j=1, 2$ ) the Brelot's harmonic space associated with  $(X, \mathbf{H})$ . The set of all  $\mathbf{H}$ -superharmonic functions (resp.  $\mathbf{H}_j$ -potentials) on  $U$  is denoted by  $\mathbf{S}_j(U)$  (resp.  $\mathbf{P}_j(U)$ ) ( $j=1, 2$ ).

Let  $(X, \mathbf{H})$  be an elliptic biharmonic space and  $(X, \mathbf{H}_j)$  ( $j=1, 2$ ) be the Brelot's

harmonic space associated with  $(X, \mathbf{H})$ . Denote by  $\Omega$  the set of all  $\mathbf{H}$ -regular sets in  $X$ . We say that  $(X, \mathbf{H}_1)$  has a consistent system  $\{G_1^\omega(x, y) : \omega \in \Omega\}$  of  $\mathbf{H}_1$ -Green's functions if to each  $\omega \in \Omega$  there corresponds a function  $G_1^\omega(x, y)$  on  $\omega \times \omega$  having the following properties:

- (i) for each  $y \in \omega$ ,  $G_1^\omega(\cdot, y)$  is an  $\mathbf{H}_1$ -potential on  $\omega$  and  $\mathbf{H}_1$ -harmonic on  $\omega - \{y\}$ ,
- (ii) if  $\omega' \subset \omega$ ,  $\omega' \in \Omega$  and  $y \in \omega'$  then the function  $G_1^\omega(x, y) - G_1^{\omega'}(x, y)$  of  $x$  is  $\mathbf{H}_1$ -harmonic on  $\omega'$  ;
- (iii) for each  $\mathbf{H}_1$ -potential  $p$  on  $\omega$ , there exists a unique positive Radon measure  $\beta$  on  $\omega$  such that  $p(x) = \int G_1^\omega(x, y) d\beta(y)$ .

By Theorem 9 in [13] we have

**Lemma 1.** *Let  $(X, \mathbf{H})$  be an elliptic biharmonic space. Suppose that  $(X, \mathbf{H}_1)$  has a consistent system  $\{G_1^\omega(x, y) : \omega \in \Omega\}$  of  $\mathbf{H}_1$ -Green's functions. Then there exists a unique positive Radon measure  $\alpha$  on  $X$  such that*

$$\nu_x^\omega = \int G_1^\omega(x, y) \lambda_y^\omega d\alpha(y)$$

for any  $\omega \in \Omega$  and any  $x \in \omega$ , that is for any finite continuous function  $f$  on  $X$

$$\int f d\nu_x^\omega = \int G_1^\omega(x, y) \left( \int f d\lambda_y^\omega \right) d\alpha(y).$$

This positive Radon measure  $\alpha$  is called the **composing measure** of  $(X, \mathbf{H})$ . By virtue of the compatibility of biharmonic couples, this measure is everywhere dense in  $X$ .

A biharmonic space  $(X, \mathbf{H})$  is called **strict** if it satisfies the following axiom.

**Axiom (P)** : For any point  $x \in X$ , there exists  $(p_1, p_2) \in P(X)$  such that  $p_j(x) > 0$  ( $j=1, 2$ ).

From now on we suppose that a biharmonic space  $(X, \mathbf{H})$  is strict. Let  $E$  be a closed set in  $X$  and  $(u_1, u_2) \in \mathbf{H}^*(X)^+$ . We put  $(R_1^E(u_1, u_2), R_2^E(u_1, u_2)) = (\inf v_1, \inf v_2)$  where  $(v_1, v_2) \in \mathbf{H}^*(X)^+$  and  $v_j \geq u_j$  on  $E$  ( $j=1, 2$ ). We denote by  $(\widehat{R}_1^E(u_1, u_2), \widehat{R}_2^E(u_1, u_2))$  the lower semi-continuous regularization of  $(R_1^E(u_1, u_2), R_2^E(u_1, u_2))$ . By Corollary 5.7 in [9],  $(\widehat{R}_1^E(u_1, u_2), \widehat{R}_2^E(u_1, u_2))$  is  $\mathbf{H}$ -hyperharmonic on  $X$  and  $\mathbf{H}$ -harmonic on  $X - E$ .

For an open set  $U \subset X$  and a couple  $(f_1, f_2)$  of real valued functions on the boundary  $\partial U$  of  $U$ , we denote by  $\overline{V}^U(f_1, f_2)$  the set of lower bounded couples  $(v_1, v_2) \in \mathbf{H}^*(U)$  such that non-negative outside a compact set of  $X$  and

$$\liminf_{x \rightarrow a} v_j(x) \geq f_j(a) \quad (j=1, 2)$$

for any  $a \in \partial U$  and we put  $\underline{V}^U(f_1, f_2) = \{(v_1, v_2) : (-v_1, -v_2) \in \overline{V}^U(-f_1, -f_2)\}$ .

If  $\overline{V}^U(f_1, f_2)$  and  $\underline{V}^U(f_1, f_2)$  are both non-empty, we put

$$\begin{aligned} (\overline{H}_1^U(f_1, f_2), \overline{H}_2^U(f_1, f_2)) &= (\inf v_1, \inf v_2) \text{ where } (v_1, v_2) \in \overline{V}^U(f_1, f_2), \\ (\underline{H}_1^U(f_1, f_2), \underline{H}_2^U(f_1, f_2)) &= (\sup v_1, \sup v_2) \text{ where } (v_1, v_2) \in \underline{V}^U(f_1, f_2), \end{aligned}$$

Then by Corollary 5.7 in [9],  $(\overline{H}_1^U(f_1, f_2), \overline{H}_2^U(f_1, f_2))$  and  $(\underline{H}_1^U(f_1, f_2), \underline{H}_2^U(f_1, f_2))$  are

$\mathbf{H}$ -harmonic on  $U$  and  $\bar{H}_j(f_1, f_2) \geq \underline{H}_j(f_1, f_2)$  ( $j=1, 2$ ).

If  $(\bar{H}_1^u(f_1, f_2), \bar{H}_2^u(f_1, f_2)) = (\underline{H}_1^u(f_1, f_2), \underline{H}_2^u(f_1, f_2))$  we denote by  $(H_1(f_1, f_2), H_2(f_1, f_2))$  the common couple.

**Lemma 2.** *Let  $U$  be an open set in  $X$ . Then for any  $(u_1, u_2) \in \mathbf{H}^*(X)^+$ , we have  $(\hat{R}_1^{X-u}(u_1, u_2), \hat{R}_2^{X-u}(u_1, u_2)) = (\bar{H}_1^u(u_1, u_2), \bar{H}_2^u(u_1, u_2))$  on  $U$ .*

Proof. Let  $(v_1, v_2) \in \bar{V}^u(u_1, u_2)$  and

$$(w_1, w_2) = \begin{cases} ((u_1, u_2) & \text{on } X-U \\ (\inf(u_1, v_1), \inf(u_2, v_2)) & \text{on } U \end{cases}$$

Then  $(w_1, w_2) \in \mathbf{H}^*(X)^+$  and  $(w_1, w_2) \geq (u_1, u_2)$  on  $X-U$ . Hence

$(\hat{R}_1^{X-u}(u_1, u_2), \hat{R}_2^{X-u}(u_1, u_2)) \leq (v_1, v_2)$  on  $U$  and so we have

$$(\hat{R}_1^{X-u}(u_1, u_2), \hat{R}_2^{X-u}(u_1, u_2)) \leq (\bar{H}_1^u(u_1, u_2), \bar{H}_2^u(u_1, u_2)).$$

Conversely for any  $(v_1, v_2) \in \mathbf{H}^*(X)^+$  satifing  $(v_1, v_2) \geq (u_1, u_2)$  on  $X-U$ , we have  $(v_1, v_2) \in \bar{V}^u(u_1, u_2)$ . Therefore we get

$$(\hat{R}_1^{X-u}(u_1, u_2), \hat{R}_2^{X-u}(u_1, u_2)) \geq (\bar{H}_1^u(u_1, u_2), \bar{H}_2^u(u_1, u_2)).$$

**Lemma 3.** *Let be a compact set of  $X$  and  $(s_1, s_2) \in \mathcal{S}(X)^+$ .*

*Then  $(\hat{R}_1^K(s_1, s_2), \hat{R}_2^K(s_1, s_2)) \in \mathcal{P}(X)$ .*

Proof. Let  $L$  be a compact subset satifing  $K \subset L$ . Since  $(\hat{R}_1^K(s_1, s_2), \hat{R}_2^K(s_1, s_2))$  is  $\mathbf{H}$ -harmonic on  $X-K$  and  $(X, \mathbf{H})$  is strict, there exists an  $\mathbf{H}$ -potential  $(p_1, p_2)$  such that  $\hat{R}_j^K(s_1, s_2) \leq p_j$  on  $\partial L$  ( $j=1, 2$ ). Since

$$(\hat{R}_1^K(s_1, s_2), \hat{R}_2^K(s_1, s_2)) = (\bar{H}_1^{X-K}(s_1, s_2), \bar{H}_2^{X-K}(s_1, s_2))$$

on  $X-K$  and

$$\begin{aligned} & (\bar{H}_1^{X-K}(s_1, s_2), \bar{H}_2^{X-K}(s_1, s_2)) \\ &= (\bar{H}_1^{X-L}(\hat{R}_1^K(s_1, s_2), \hat{R}_2^K(s_1, s_2)), \bar{H}_2^{X-L}(\hat{R}_1^K(s_1, s_2), \hat{R}_2^K(s_1, s_2))) \end{aligned}$$

on  $X-L$ , we have  $(\hat{R}_1^K(s_1, s_2), \hat{R}_2^K(s_1, s_2)) \leq (p_1, p_2)$  on  $X-L$ .

Hence  $(\hat{R}_1^K(s_1, s_2), \hat{R}_2^K(s_1, s_2)) \in \mathcal{P}(X)$ .

### 3. Wiener functions of $(X, \mathbf{H})$

Let  $(f_1, f_2)$  be a couple of real valued functions on  $X$ . We set  $\bar{W}(f_1, f_2) = \{(s_1, s_2) \in \mathcal{S}(X) : s_j \geq f_j \text{ on for some compact set } K \text{ in } X (j=1, 2)\}$ ,

$\underline{W}(f_1, f_2) = \{(s_1, s_2) : (-s_1, -s_2) \in \bar{W}(-f_1, -f_2)\}$ . If  $\bar{W}(f_1, f_2) \neq \phi$  and  $\underline{W}(f_1, f_2) \neq \phi$ ,

we put

$$(\bar{h}_1(f_1, f_2), \bar{h}_2(f_1, f_2)) = (\inf s_1, \inf s_2) \text{ where } (s_1, s_2) \in \bar{W}(f_1, f_2),$$

$$(\underline{h}_1(f_1, f_2), \underline{h}_2(f_1, f_2)) = (\sup s_1, \sup s_2) \text{ where } (s_1, s_2) \in \underline{W}(f_1, f_2).$$

Then by Theorem 5.6 in [9] we have  $(\bar{h}_1(f_1, f_2), \bar{h}_2(f_1, f_2)) \in \mathbf{H}(X)$ ,

$$(\underline{h}_1(f_1, f_2), \underline{h}_2(f_1, f_2)) \in \mathbf{H}(X) \text{ and } (\bar{h}_1(f_1, f_2), \bar{h}_2(f_1, f_2)) \geq (\underline{h}_1(f_1, f_2), \underline{h}_2(f_1, f_2)).$$

**Lemma 4.** *If  $\overline{W}(f_1, f_2) \neq \phi$  and  $\underline{W}(f_1, f_2) \neq \phi$ , then there exists  $(p_1, p_2) \in P(X)$  and for any  $\varepsilon > 0$*

$$\begin{aligned} (\overline{h}_1(f_1, f_2), \overline{h}_2(f_1, f_2)) + \varepsilon(p_1, p_2) &\in \overline{W}(f_1, f_2) \\ (\underline{h}_1(f_1, f_2), \underline{h}_2(f_1, f_2)) - \varepsilon(p_1, p_2) &\in \underline{W}(f_1, f_2). \end{aligned}$$

Proof. We take  $(s_1^{(n)}, s_2^{(n)}) \in \overline{W}(f_1, f_2)$  such that

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (s_1^{(n)} - \overline{h}_1(f_1, f_2), s_2^{(n)} - \overline{h}_2(f_1, f_2))$$

is convergent at a point. Let  $K_n$  be a compact set such that  $s_j^{(n)} \geq f_j$  on  $X - K_n$  ( $j=1, 2$ ). Let  $\{X_n\}$  be an exhaustion of  $X$  satisfying  $K_i \subset X_n$  for  $i \leq 2n$ . We put  $p_j^{(n)} = R_j^{\overline{K}_n}(s_1^{(n)} - \overline{h}_1(f_1, f_2), s_2^{(n)} - \overline{h}_2(f_1, f_2))$  ( $j=1, 2$ ). By Lemma 3,  $(p_1^{(n)}, p_2^{(n)})$  being an  $H$ -potential on  $X$ ,  $(p_1, p_2) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (p_1^{(n)}, p_2^{(n)})$  is an  $H$ -potential on  $X$ . For any  $\varepsilon > 0$  we take  $m$  satisfying  $m \geq \frac{1}{\varepsilon}$ , then for any  $k \geq 1$  and  $x \in X_{m+2k} - K_{m+k}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{h}_j(f_1, f_2)(x) + \varepsilon p_j(x) &\geq \overline{h}_j(f_1, f_2)(x) + \frac{1}{m} \sum_{n=m+2k}^{2m+2k} p_j^{(n)}(x) \\ &= \frac{1}{m} \sum_{n=m+2k}^{2m+2k} s_j^{(n)}(x) \geq f_j(x) \quad (j=1, 2). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $(\overline{h}_1(f_1, f_2), \overline{h}_2(f_1, f_2)) + \varepsilon(p_1, p_2) \geq (f_1, f_2)$  on  $X - X_{m+1}$ , we have

$$(\overline{h}_1(f_1, f_2), \overline{h}_2(f_1, f_2)) + \varepsilon(p_1, p_2) \in \overline{W}(f_1, f_2).$$

**Definition 1.** *A couple  $(f_1, f_2)$  of real valued functions on  $X$  is called  $H$ -harmonizable if  $(\overline{h}_1(f_1, f_2), \overline{h}_2(f_1, f_2)) = (\underline{h}_1(f_1, f_2), \underline{h}_2(f_1, f_2))$ . In this case we denote by  $(h_1(f_1, f_2), h_2(f_1, f_2))$  the common couple.*

Let  $(s_1, s_2)$  be an  $H$ -superharmonic couple on  $X$  with an  $H$ -subharmonic minorant couple. Then  $(s_1, s_2)$  is  $H$ -harmonizable and  $(h_1(s_1, s_2), h_2(s_1, s_2))$  is the greatest  $H$ -harmonic minorant of  $(s_1, s_2)$ .

**Theorem 1.** *If  $(f_1, f_2)$  and  $(g_1, g_2)$  are  $H$ -harmonizable, then  $\alpha(f_1, f_2) + \beta(g_1, g_2)$  ( $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbf{R}$ ),  $(\max(f_1, g_1), \max(f_2, g_2))$  and  $(\min(f_1, g_1), \min(f_2, g_2))$  are  $H$ -harmonizable. In this case we have*

$$h_j(\alpha f_1 + \beta g_1, \alpha f_2 + \beta g_2) = \alpha h_j(f_1, f_2) + \beta h_j(g_1, g_2) \quad (j=1, 2),$$

*$(h_1(\max(f_1, g_1), \max(f_2, g_2)), h_2(\max(f_1, g_1), \max(f_2, g_2)))$  is the least  $H$ -harmonic majorant of  $(h_1(f_1, f_2), h_2(f_1, f_2))$  and  $(h_1(g_1, g_2), h_2(g_1, g_2))$  and*

*$(h_1(\min(f_1, g_1), \min(f_2, g_2)), h_2(\min(f_1, g_1), \min(f_2, g_2)))$  is the greatest  $H$ -harmonic minorant of  $(h_1(f_1, f_2), h_2(f_1, f_2))$  and  $(h_1(g_1, g_2), h_2(g_1, g_2))$ .*

Proof. By Lemma 4 it is easily shown that  $(f_1, f_2) + (g_1, g_2)$ ,  $\alpha(f_1, f_2)$  ( $\alpha \geq 0$ ) and  $(-f_1, -f_2)$  are  $H$ -harmonizable. Hence  $\alpha(f_1, f_2) + \beta(g_1, g_2)$  is  $H$ -harmonizable and  $h_j(\alpha f_1 + \beta g_1, \alpha f_2 + \beta g_2) = \alpha h_j(f_1, f_2) + \beta h_j(g_1, g_2)$  ( $j=1, 2$ ).

Since  $(h_1(f_1, f_2), h_2(f_1, f_2))$  and  $(h_1(g_1, g_2), h_2(g_1, g_2))$  are expressed by the difference of non-negative  $H$ -harmonic couples, there exists their least  $H$ -harmonic majorant  $(u_1, u_2)$ . By Lemma 4, there exist  $(p_1, p_2), (q_1, q_2) \in P(X)$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} (h_1(f_1, f_2), h_2(f_1, f_2)) + \varepsilon(p_1, p_2) &\in \bar{W}(f_1, f_2) \\ (h_1(g_1, g_2), h_2(g_1, g_2)) + \varepsilon(q_1, q_2) &\in \bar{W}(g_1, g_2) \end{aligned}$$

Then  $(u_1, u_2) + \varepsilon(p_1, p_2) + \varepsilon(q_1, q_2) \in \bar{W}(\max(f_1, g_1), \max(f_2, g_2))$  and so we have  $\bar{h}_j(\max(f_1, g_1), \max(f_2, g_2)) \leq u_j (j=1, 2)$ . On the other hand, we have  $\underline{h}_j(\max(f_1, g_1), \max(f_2, g_2)) \geq h_j(f_1, f_2), h_j(g_1, g_2) (j=1, 2)$  and so  $h_j(\max(f_1, g_1), \max(f_2, g_2)) \geq u_j (j=1, 2)$ . Hence  $(\max(f_1, g_1), \max(f_2, g_2))$  is  $H$ -harmonizable and  $h_j(\max(f_1, g_1), \max(f_2, g_2)) = u_j (j=1, 2)$ .

We denote by  $HP(X)$  the totality of all  $H$ -harmonic couples on  $X$  which are differences of non-negative  $H$ -harmonic couples, by  $\tilde{W}(X, H)$  the totality of all  $H$ -harmonizable couples and by  $\tilde{W}_0(X, H)$  the totality of all couples  $(f_1, f_2) \in \tilde{W}(X, H)$  satisfying  $h_j(f_1, f_2) = 0 (j=1, 2)$ .

By Lemma 4, we have the following characterization of  $(f_1, f_2)$  in  $\tilde{W}_0(X, H)$ .

**Lemma 5.** *A couple  $(f_1, f_2)$  is in  $\tilde{W}(X, H)$  if and only if there exists  $(p_1, p_2) \in P(X)$  such that  $|f_j| \leq p_j (j=1, 2)$  outside a compact set in  $X$ .*

**Lemma 6.** *If  $(0, f) \in \tilde{W}(X, H)$  and  $f \geq 0$ , then  $h_1(0, f)$  is a continuous  $H_1$ -potential on  $X$  and we have  $h_1(0, f)(x) = \int G_1(x, y) h_2(0, f) da(y)$ .*

Proof. Since  $(0, f) \in \tilde{W}(X, H)$  and  $f \geq 0$ ,  $(h_1(0, f), h_2(0, f))$  is a non-negative  $H$ -harmonic couple on  $X$  and so  $h_1(0, f) \in S_1(X)^+$ . By Lemma 5, there exists  $(p_1, p_2) \in P(X)$  such that for any  $\varepsilon > 0$   $(h_1(0, f), h_2(0, f)) - \varepsilon(p_1, p_2) \in \underline{W}(0, f)$ . Hence  $h_1(0, f) \leq \varepsilon p_1$  outside a compact set in  $X$  and so  $h_1(0, f) \in P_1(X)$ . The integral representation is shown by Lemma 1.

**Theorem 2.** *We have the following direct decomposition:*

$$\tilde{W}(X, H) = HP(X) \oplus \tilde{W}_0(X, H).$$

Let  $(X, H_j) (j=1, 2)$  be the Brelot's harmonic space associated with  $(X, H)$ . For a real-valued function on  $X$ , we set  $\bar{W}^{(j)} = \{s \in S_j(X) : s \geq f \text{ outside a compact set}\}$  and  $\underline{W}^{(j)} = \{s : -s \in \bar{W}^{(j)}\}$ . If  $\bar{W}^{(j)} \neq \emptyset, \underline{W}^{(j)} \neq \emptyset$ , we define  $\bar{h}^{(j)} = \inf \bar{W}^{(j)}$  and  $\underline{h}^{(j)} = \sup \underline{W}^{(j)}$ . We say that  $f$  is  $H_j$ -harmonizable if  $\bar{h}^{(j)} = \underline{h}^{(j)}$  and denote the common value by  $h^{(j)}$ . A function  $f$  on  $X$  is called a Wiener function of  $(X, H_j)$  if  $f$  is bounded continuous and  $H_j$ -harmonizable. The totality of Wiener functions of  $(X, H_j)$  is denoted by  $W^{(j)}(X)$ . A function  $f$  is called a Wiener potential of  $(X, H_j)$  if  $f \in W^{(j)}(X)$  and  $h^{(j)} = 0$ . The totality of Wiener potentials of  $(X, H_j)$  is denoted by  $W_0^{(j)}(X) (j=1, 2)$ . Similarly we shall give the definition of Wiener functions of  $(X, H)$  as follows.

**Definition 2.** *A couple of bounded continuous  $H$ -harmonizable functions is called a Wiener function of  $(X, H)$ . The totality of Wiener functions of  $(X, H)$  is denoted by  $W(X, H)$ . A couple  $(f_1, f_2) \in W(X, H)$  is called a Wiener potential of  $(X, H)$  if it satisfies  $h_j(f_1, f_2) = 0 (j=1, 2)$ . The totality of Wiener potentials of  $(X, H)$  is denoted by  $W_0(X, H)$ .*

From the definition it follows immediately that  $\{f : (f, 0) \in \mathcal{W}(X, \mathbf{H})\} = \mathcal{W}^{(1)}(X)$ ,  $\{f : (0, f) \in \mathcal{W}(X, \mathbf{H})\} \subset \mathcal{W}^{(2)}(X)$  and  $h_1(f, 0) = h_1^{(1)}$ ,  $h_2(0, f) = h_2^{(2)}$ . Further we have

**Lemma 7.**  $\mathcal{W}(X, \mathbf{H}) \subset \mathcal{W}^{(1)}(X) \times \mathcal{W}^{(2)}(X)$  and  $\mathcal{W}_0(X, \mathbf{H}) \subset \mathcal{W}_0^{(1)}(X) \times \mathcal{W}_0^{(2)}(X)$ .

Proof. Let  $(f_1, f_2) \in \mathcal{W}(X, \mathbf{H})$  and  $f_j^\pm = \max(f_j, 0)$ ,  $f_j^- = \max(-f_j, 0)$  ( $j=1, 2$ ). Then  $(f_1, f_2) = (f_1^+, f_2^+) - (f_1^-, f_2^-)$  and  $(f_1^+, f_2^+)$ ,  $(f_1^-, f_2^-) \in \mathcal{W}(X, \mathbf{H})$  by Theorem 1. Hence we may suppose that  $f_j \geq 0$  ( $j=1, 2$ ). By Theorem 2,  $(f_1, f_2) = (h_1(f_1, f_2), h_2(f_1, f_2)) + (g_1, g_2)$  with  $(g_1, g_2) \in \bar{\mathcal{W}}_0(X, \mathbf{H})$ . By Lemma 5 and Corollaire 5.16 in [9], we know that  $g_j$  is  $\mathbf{H}_j$ -harmonizable and  $h_{g_j}^{(j)} = 0$  ( $j=1, 2$ ). Since  $h_1(f_1, f_2)$  (resp.  $h_2(f_1, f_2)$ ) is a nonnegative  $\mathbf{H}_1$ -superharmonic (resp.  $\mathbf{H}_2$ -harmonic) function,  $h_1(f_1, f_2)$  is  $\mathbf{H}_1$ -harmonizable (resp.  $h_2(f_1, f_2)$  is  $\mathbf{H}_2$ -harmonizable). Hence we have  $f_j = h_j(f_1, f_2) + g_j \in \mathcal{W}^{(j)}(X)$  ( $j=1, 2$ ).

From now on we suppose that  $(X, \mathbf{H}_1)$  has a consistent system  $\{G_1^\omega(x, y) : \omega \in \Omega\}$  of  $\mathbf{H}_1$ -Green's functions. Then  $(X, \mathbf{H}_1)$  being strict, there exists an  $\mathbf{H}_1$ -Green's function  $G_1(x, y)$  on  $X$  such that  $G_1^\omega(x, y) = G_1(x, y) - \int G_1(z, y) d\mu_x^\omega(z)$  for any  $\omega \in \Omega$  and there exists the composing measure  $\alpha$  of  $(X, \mathbf{H})$  by Lemma 1.

As for the inverse inclusion of Lemma 7 we have the following

**Theorem 3.** Suppose that  $1 \in \mathcal{W}^{(2)}(X)$  and put  $e_2 = h_2^{(2)}$ . Then the following (1), (2), (3), (4), (5) and (6) are equivalent:

- (1)  $(0, 1) \in \mathcal{W}(X, \mathbf{H})$ ;
- (2)  $(0, e_2)$  is  $\mathbf{H}$ -harmonizable;
- (3)  $\bar{\mathcal{W}}(0, 1) \neq \emptyset$
- (4)  $\int G_1(x, y) e_2(y) d\alpha(y) < +\infty$  for some  $x \in X$ ;
- (5)  $\{f : (0, f) \in \mathcal{W}(X, \mathbf{H})\} = \mathcal{W}^{(2)}(X)$ ;
- (6)  $\mathcal{W}(X, \mathbf{H}) = \mathcal{W}^{(1)}(X) \times \mathcal{W}^{(2)}(X)$ .

Proof. (1) $\Rightarrow$ (2) There exists  $(s_1, s_2) \in \mathcal{S}(X)^+$  such that  $s_2 \geq 1$  outside a compact set. Then  $s_2 \geq h_2^{(2)} = e_2$  and so  $(s_1, e_2) \in \mathcal{S}(X)^+$ . Since  $(s_1, e_2)$  and  $(s_1, 0)$  are  $\mathbf{H}$ -harmonizable,  $(0, e_2) = (s_1, e_2) - (s_1, 0)$  is  $\mathbf{H}$ -harmonizable. (1) $\Rightarrow$ (3) This is evident from the definition. (2) $\Rightarrow$ (4) Since  $(0, e_2)$  is  $\mathbf{H}$ -harmonizable,  $(h_1(0, e_2), h_2(0, e_2)) = (q_1, e_2) \in \mathbf{H}(X)$  and by Lemma 6  $h_1(0, e_2) = q_1$  is continuous  $\mathbf{H}_1$ -potential on  $X$ . Therefore we have  $q_1(x) = \int G_1(x, y) e_2(y) d\alpha(y)$  by Lemma 1 and so we have (3). It is easy to show that (4) $\Rightarrow$ (2). (2) $\Rightarrow$ (5) Since  $\{f : (0, f) \in \mathcal{W}(X, \mathbf{H})\} \subset \mathcal{W}^{(2)}(X)$ , it suffices to show the inverse inclusion. Let  $f$  be in  $\mathcal{W}^{(2)}(X)$ . By Theorem 2.2 in [6] we may assume that  $0 \leq f \leq 1$ . We put  $g = f - h_2^{(2)}$ , then  $g$  is  $\mathbf{H}_2$ -harmonizable and  $h_g^{(2)} = 0$ . Since  $\bar{\mathcal{W}}(0, e_2) \neq \emptyset$ , there exists  $(s_1, s_2) \in \bar{\mathcal{W}}(0, e_2)$ . Then  $s_2 \geq h_2^{(2)}$  and so  $(s_1, h_2^{(2)}) \in \mathcal{S}(X)^+$ . Since  $(s_1, h_2^{(2)})$  and  $(s_1, 0)$  are  $\mathbf{H}$ -harmonizable,  $(0, h_2^{(2)})$  is  $\mathbf{H}$ -harmonizable. By Lemma 2.2 in [6] there exists  $p_2 \in \mathcal{P}_2(X)$  such that  $|g| \leq p_2$  outside a compact set. Denote by  $p_1$  the  $\mathbf{H}_1$ -potential part of  $s_1$ . Then  $(2p_1, \min(2s_2, p_2)) \in \mathcal{P}(X)$  by Corollary 5.16 in [9] and  $(0, |g|) \leq (2p_1, \min(2s_2, p_2))$ . Hence  $(0, g)$  is  $\mathbf{H}$ -harmonizable by Lemma 5. Therefore  $(0, f) = (0, h_2^{(2)}) + (0, g)$  is  $\mathbf{H}$ -harmonizable and so  $(0, f) \in \mathcal{W}(X, \mathbf{H})$ . (3) $\Rightarrow$ (5) This is shown similarly to the above proof. (5) $\Rightarrow$ (6) Since  $\mathcal{W}(X, \mathbf{H}) \subset \mathcal{W}^{(1)}(X) \times \mathcal{W}^{(2)}(X)$  by Lemma 7, it suffices to show

the inverse inclusion. Let  $(f_1, f_2) \in W^{(1)}(X) \times W^{(2)}(X)$ . Then  $(f_1, 0) \in W(X, H)$  and  $(0, f_2) \in W(X, H)$ . Hence  $(f_1, f_2) = (f_1, 0) + (0, f_2) \in W(X, H)$ . (6)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) Since  $0 \in W^{(1)}(X)$  and  $1 \in W^{(2)}(X)$ , we have  $(0, 1) \in W(X, H)$ .

**Remark.** In the cases (5) and (6) we have  $\{f : (0, f) \in W_0(X, H)\} = W_0^{(2)}(X)$  and  $W_0(X, H) = W_0^{(1)}(X) \times W_0^{(2)}(X)$ .

#### 4. Resolutive compactifications of $(X, H)$ .

Let  $(X, H_j)$  be the Brelot's harmonic space associated with  $(X, H)$ ,  $X_j^*$  be a compactification of  $X$  and  $\Delta_j$  be the ideal boundary of  $X_j^*$  ( $j=1, 2$ ). For a real valued function  $f$  on  $\Delta_j$ , we denote by  $\bar{V}^{(j)}$  the set of lower bounded  $s_j \in S_j(X)$  such that  $\liminf_{x \rightarrow a} s_j(x) \geq f(a)$  for any  $a \in \Delta_j$  and we set  $\underline{V}^{(j)} = \{s_j : -s_j \in \bar{V}^{(j)}\}$  ( $j=1, 2$ ). If  $\bar{V}^{(j)}$  and  $\underline{V}^{(j)}$  are both non-empty, we put  $\bar{H}^{(j)} = \inf \bar{V}^{(j)}$  and  $\underline{H}^{(j)} = \sup \underline{V}^{(j)}$ . If  $\bar{H}^{(j)} = \underline{H}^{(j)}$ ,  $f$  is called  $H_j$ -resolutive and we denote by  $H_j^{(f)}$  the common value ( $j=1, 2$ ).

For any  $p_j \in P_j(X)$  we put  $\Gamma(p_j) = \{a \in \Delta_j : \liminf_{x \rightarrow a} p_j(x) = 0\}$ ,  $\Gamma_j = \cap \Gamma(p_j)$  where  $p_j \in P_j(X)$  and  $\Lambda_j = \Delta_j - \Gamma_j$  ( $j=1, 2$ ). A compactification  $X_j^*$  is called an  $H_j$ -resolutive compactification if any bounded continuous function  $f$  on  $\Delta_j$  is  $H_j$ -resolutive ( $j=1, 2$ ). In this case, a point  $a_j \in \Delta_j$  is called  $H_j$ -regular if for any bounded continuous function  $f$  on  $\Delta_j$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a_j} H_j^{(f)}(x) = f(a_j)$  ( $j=1, 2$ ). All points in  $\Delta_j$  are not  $H_j$ -regular ( $j=1, 2$ ).

Now we consider the following **condition (M. P.)**.

**(M. P.)** : There exists  $(t_1, t_2) \in S(X)$  such that  $\inf_{x \in X} t_j(x) > 0$  ( $j=1, 2$ ).

**Lemma 8.** (1) If the constant function 1 is in  $W^{(2)}(X)$  and  $(X, H)$  satisfies the condition (M. P.), then six conditions in Theorem 3 are satisfied.

(2) Conversely if the constant function 1 is in  $W^{(1)}(X) \cap W^{(2)}(X)$  and one of six conditions in Theorem 3 is satisfied, then  $(X, H)$  satisfies the condition (M. P.).

Proof. (1) Since  $\bar{W}(0, 1) \neq \emptyset$ , this is trivial. (2) If the condition (1) in Theorem 3 is satisfied, then there exists  $(s_1, s_2) \in S(X)^+$  such that  $(s_1, s_2) \geq (0, 1)$  outside some compact set in  $X$ . Since  $1 \in W^{(1)}(X)$ , there exists  $v_1 \in S_1(X)^+$  such that  $v_1 \geq 1$  outside some compact set in  $X$ . Hence by virtue of Axiom (P), the condition (M. P.) is satisfied.

In this section we suppose that  $(X, H)$  satisfies the condition (M. P.). In this case we have the following minimum principle by Theorem 4.1 in [6].

**Lemma 9.** Let  $(v_1, v_2) \in H^*(X)$ . If there exists  $(p_1, p_2) \in P(X)$  such that  $v_j + p_j$  is lower bounded and  $\liminf_{x \rightarrow a} v_j(x) \geq 0$  for any  $a \in \Gamma_j$  ( $j=1, 2$ ), then  $(v_1, v_2) \geq (0, 0)$ .

Let  $(X_1^*, X_2^*)$  be a couple of two compactifications of  $X$  and  $(\Delta_1, \Delta_2)$  be a couple of their ideal boundaries (i. e.  $\Delta_j = X_j^* - X$  ( $j=1, 2$ )). For a couple  $(f_1, f_2)$  of real valued functions  $f_j$  defined on ideal boundaries  $\Delta_j$  ( $j=1, 2$ ), we denote by  $\bar{V}^*(f_1, f_2)$  the set of lower bounded couples  $(s_1, s_2) \in S(X)$  such that for any  $a \in \Delta_j$

$$\liminf_{x \rightarrow a} s_j(x) \geq f_j(a) \quad (j=1, 2),$$

and we set  $\underline{V}^*(f_1, f_2) = \{(s_1, s_2) : (-s_1, -s_2) \in \bar{V}^*(-f_1, -f_2)\}$ . If  $\bar{V}^*(f_1, f_2)$  and  $\underline{V}^*(f_1, f_2)$  are both non-empty, we put

$$\begin{aligned} (\bar{H}_1(f_1, f_2), \bar{H}_2(f_1, f_2)) &= (\inf s_1, \inf s_2) \text{ where } (s_1, s_2) \in \bar{V}^*(f_1, f_2), \\ (\underline{H}_1(f_1, f_2), \underline{H}_2(f_1, f_2)) &= (\sup s_1, \sup s_2) \text{ where } (s_1, s_2) \in \underline{V}^*(f_1, f_2), \end{aligned}$$

Then by Corollary 5.7 in [9],  $(\bar{H}_1(f_1, f_2), \bar{H}_2(f_1, f_2))$  and  $(\underline{H}_1(f_1, f_2), \underline{H}_2(f_1, f_2))$  are  $\mathbf{H}$ -harmonic on  $X$ . By Lemma 9, they are expressed by differences of non-negative  $\mathbf{H}$ -harmonic couples and  $(\bar{H}_1(f_1, f_2), \bar{H}_2(f_1, f_2)) \geq (\underline{H}_1(f_1, f_2), \underline{H}_2(f_1, f_2))$ .

If  $(\bar{H}_1(f_1, f_2), \bar{H}_2(f_1, f_2)) = (\underline{H}_1(f_1, f_2), \underline{H}_2(f_1, f_2))$ ,  $(f_1, f_2)$  is called  $\mathbf{H}$ -resolutive and denote by  $(H_1(f_1, f_2), H_2(f_1, f_2))$  the common couple. It is easily shown that if  $(f, 0)$  (resp.  $(0, f)$ ) is  $\mathbf{H}$ -resolutive, then  $f$  is  $\mathbf{H}_1$ -resolutive (resp.  $\mathbf{H}_2$ -resolutive) and  $H_1(f, 0) = H_1^{(f)}$  (resp.  $H_2(0, f) = H_2^{(f)}$ ).

For any  $(p_1, p_2) \in \mathbf{P}(X)$  we put

$$\Gamma(p_1, p_2) = \{(a_1, a_2) \in \Delta_1 \times \Delta_2 : \liminf_{x \rightarrow a_j} p_j(x) = 0 \quad (j=1, 2)\}$$

and  $\Gamma = \bigcap \Gamma(p_1, p_2)$  where  $(p_1, p_2) \in \mathbf{P}(X)$ . Then we have

**Lemma 10.**  $\Gamma = \Gamma_1 \times \Gamma_2$

Proof. Let  $(a_1, a_2) \in \Gamma_1 \times \Gamma_2$ . For any  $(p_1, p_2) \in \mathbf{P}(X)$ ,  $p_j$  being in  $\mathbf{P}_j(X)$  ( $j=1, 2$ ) by Corollaire 5.13 in [9], we have  $\liminf_{x \rightarrow a_j} p_j(x) = 0$  ( $j=1, 2$ ) and so  $(a_1, a_2) \in \Gamma$ .

Hence we have  $\Gamma \supset \Gamma_1 \times \Gamma_2$ . Conversely let  $(a_1, a_2)$  be any point in  $\Gamma$ . We take  $p_j \in \mathbf{P}_j(X)$  ( $j=1, 2$ ). Then  $(p_1, 0)$  being in  $\mathbf{P}(X)$ ,  $\liminf_{x \rightarrow a_1} p_1(x) = 0$  and so  $a_1 \in \Gamma_1$ . By the condition **(M. P.)**, there exists  $(t_1, t_2) \in \mathcal{S}(X)$  such that  $\inf_{x \in X} t_j(x) = c_j > 0$  ( $j=1, 2$ ). Then we have  $(t_1, \min(t_2, p_2)) \in \mathcal{S}(X)^+$ . Let  $q_1 = t_1 - h_1^{(p)}$ . Then we know that  $(q_1, \min(t_2, p_2)) \in \mathcal{S}(X)^+$ ,  $q_1 \in \mathbf{P}_1(X)$  and  $\min(t_2, p_2) \in \mathbf{P}_2(X)$ . Hence  $(q_1, \min(t_2, p_2)) \in \mathbf{P}(X)$  by Corollaire 5.16 in [9]. Therefore

$$\liminf_{x \rightarrow a_2} \min(t_2(x), p_2(x)) = 0.$$

Since  $\liminf_{x \rightarrow a_2} \min(t_2(x), p_2(x)) \geq \min(c_2, \liminf_{x \rightarrow a_2} p_2(x))$ , we have  $\liminf_{x \rightarrow a_2} p_2(x) = 0$  and so  $a_2 \in \Gamma_2$ . Hence we know that  $\Gamma \subset \Gamma_1 \times \Gamma_2$ .

By virtue of the condition **(M. P.)** we have the following

**Theorem 4.** Let  $(f_1, f_2)$  be a couple of bounded continuous functions  $f_j$  on  $X^*$  ( $j=1, 2$ ). Then  $(f_1, f_2) \in \mathbf{W}_0(X, \mathbf{H})$  if and only if  $f_j = 0$  on  $\Gamma_j$  ( $j=1, 2$ ).

Proof. If  $(f_1, f_2) \in \mathbf{W}_0(X, \mathbf{H})$ , then there exists  $(p_1, p_2) \in \mathbf{P}(X)$  such that  $|f_j| \leq p_j$  ( $j=1, 2$ ) outside a compact set. Hence  $f_j = 0$  on  $\Gamma_j$  ( $j=1, 2$ ). Conversely if  $f_j = 0$  on  $\Gamma_j$  ( $j=1, 2$ ), then  $f_j$  being in  $\mathbf{W}^{(p)}(X)$  there exists  $p_j \in \mathbf{P}_j(X)$  such that  $|f_j| \leq p_j$  ( $j=1, 2$ ) on  $X$ . By virtue of the condition **(M. P.)** there exists  $(t_1, t_2) \in \mathcal{S}(X)$  such that  $|f_j| \leq t_j$  ( $j=1, 2$ ). Put  $q_1 = p_1 + (t_1 - h_1^{(f)})$  and  $q_2 = \min(p_2, t_2)$ . Then  $(q_1, q_2) \in \mathbf{P}(X)$  and  $|f_j| \leq q_j$  ( $j=1, 2$ ). Hence  $(f_1, f_2) \in \mathbf{W}_0(X, \mathbf{H})$  by Lemma 5.

Similary to Lemma 4, we have

**Lemma 11.** *If  $\bar{V}^*(f_1, f_2)$  and  $\underline{V}^*(f_1, f_2)$  are both non-empty, there exists  $(s_1, s_2) \in S(X)^+$  such that for any  $\varepsilon > 0$*

$$\begin{aligned} (\bar{H}_1(f_1, f_2), \bar{H}_2(f_1, f_2)) + \varepsilon(s_1, s_2) &\in \bar{V}^*(f_1, f_2), \\ (\underline{H}_1(f_1, f_2), \underline{H}_2(f_1, f_2)) - \varepsilon(s_1, s_2) &\in \underline{V}^*(f_1, f_2). \end{aligned}$$

Using this lemma we have the following theorem similarly to the proof of Theorem 1.

**Theorem 5.** *If  $(f_1, f_2)$  and  $(g_1, g_2)$  are  $\mathbf{H}$ -resolutive, then  $\alpha(f_1, f_2) + (g_1, g_2)$  ( $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbf{R}$ ),  $(\max(f_1, g_1), \max(f_2, g_2))$  and  $(\min(f_1, g_1), \min(f_2, g_2))$  are  $\mathbf{H}$ -resolutive and in this case we know that*

$H_j(\alpha f_1 + \beta g_1, \alpha f_2 + \beta g_2) = \alpha H_j(f_1, f_2) + \beta H_j(g_1, g_2)$  ( $j=1, 2$ ),  
 $(H_1(\max(f_1, g_1), \max(f_2, g_2)), H_2(\max(f_1, g_1), \max(f_2, g_2)))$  is the least  $\mathbf{H}$ -harmonic majorant of  $(H_1(f_1, f_2), H_2(f_1, f_2))$  and  $(H_1(g_1, g_2), H_2(g_1, g_2))$  and  
 $(H_1(\min(f_1, g_1), \min(f_2, g_2)), H_2(\min(f_1, g_1), \min(f_2, g_2)))$  is the greatest  $\mathbf{H}$ -harmonic minorant of  $(H_1(f_1, f_2), H_2(f_1, f_2))$  and  $(H_1(g_1, g_2), H_2(g_1, g_2))$ .

By this theorem, there exists a unique system of positive Radon measures  $(\mu_x^*, \nu_x^*, \lambda_x^*)$  on ideal boundaries such that

$$H_1(f_1, f_2)(x) = \int f_1 d\mu_x^* + \int f_2 d\nu_x^*, \quad H_2(f_1, f_2)(x) = \int f_2 d\lambda_x^*.$$

Where  $\mu_x^*$  is a measure on  $\Delta_1$  and  $\nu_x^*$  and  $\lambda_x^*$  are measures on  $\Delta_2$ .

**Lemma 12.** *If  $(0, f)$  is  $\mathbf{H}$ -resolutive and  $f \geq 0$ , then  $H_1(0, f)$  is a continuous  $\mathbf{H}_1$ -potential on  $X$  and we have*

$$H_1(0, f)(x) = \int G_1(x, y) H_2(0, f)(y) d\alpha(y) = \int G_1(x, y) \left( \int f d\lambda_y^* \right) d\alpha(y).$$

Proof. Since  $(H_1(0, f), H_2(0, f)) \in \mathbf{H}(X)$  and  $H_j(0, f) \geq 0$  ( $j=1, 2$ ) by Lemma 9,  $H_1(0, f)$  is a non-negative continuous  $\mathbf{H}_1$ -superharmonic function on  $X$ . For any  $\mathbf{H}_1$ -harmonic minorant  $u_1$  of  $H_1(0, f)$ , we have  $u_1 \leq 0$  and so  $H_1(0, f)$  is a continuous  $\mathbf{H}_1$ -potential on  $X$ . The integral representaion is shown by Lemma 1.

**Lemma 13.** *Let  $f_j$  be a bounded continuous function on  $X_j^*$  ( $j=1, 2$ ). Then  $(f_1, f_2)$  is  $\mathbf{H}$ -resolutive if and only if  $(f_1, f_2)$  is  $\mathbf{H}$ -harmonizable. In this case we have  $(H_1(f_1, f_2), H_2(f_1, f_2)) = (h_1(f_1, f_2), h_2(f_1, f_2))$ .*

Proof. Since  $\bar{W}(f_1, f_2) \subset \bar{V}^*(f_1, f_2)$ , we have

$$(\bar{H}_1(f_1, f_2), \bar{H}_2(f_1, f_2)) \leq (\bar{h}_1(f_1, f_2), \bar{h}_2(f_1, f_2)).$$

Let  $(t_1, t_2)$  be in  $S(X)$  such that  $\inf_{x \in X} t_j(x) > 0$  ( $j=1, 2$ ). For any  $(s_1, s_2) \in \bar{V}^*(f_1, f_2)$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,  $(s_1, s_2) + \varepsilon(t_1, t_2)$  being in  $\bar{W}(f_1, f_2)$ ,  $(\bar{h}_1(f_1, f_2), \bar{h}_2(f_1, f_2)) \leq (s_1, s_2) + \varepsilon(t_1, t_2)$ . Hence we have the inverse inequality

$$(\bar{H}_1(f_1, f_2), \bar{H}_2(f_1, f_2)) \geq (\bar{h}_1(f_1, f_2), \bar{h}_2(f_1, f_2)).$$

Therefore we get  $(\bar{H}_1(f_1, f_2), \bar{H}_2(f_1, f_2)) = (\bar{h}_1(f_1, f_2), \bar{h}_2(f_1, f_2))$ . Similary we have the relation  $(\underline{H}_1(f_1, f_2), \underline{H}_2(f_1, f_2)) = (\underline{h}_1(f_1, f_2), \underline{h}_2(f_1, f_2))$ .

**Definition 3.** A couple  $(X_1^*, X_2^*)$  of two compactifications of  $X$  is called **H-resolutive compactification** if for any of bounded continuous functions  $f_j$  on  $\Delta_j$  ( $j=1, 2$ ), a couple  $(f_1, f_2)$  is **H-resolutive**.

By Lemma 13 we have

**Theorem 6.** A couple  $(X_1^*, X_2^*)$  of compactifications of  $X$  is **H-resolutive compactification** if and only if for any bounded continuous function  $f_j$  on  $X_j^*$  ( $j=1, 2$ ),  $(f_1, f_2)$  is in  $W(X, H)$ .

Further we shall show the following

**Theorem 7.** Suppose that the constant function 1 is in  $W^{(2)}(X)$ . Then a couple  $(X_1^*, X_2^*)$  of two compactifications of  $X$  is **H-resolutive** if and only if  $X_j^*$  is **H<sub>j</sub>-resolutive compactification** of the associated Brelot's harmonic space  $(X, H_j)$  ( $j=1, 2$ ). In this case we have

$$H_1(f_1, f_2) = H_{H_1}^{(1)} + \int G_1(\cdot, y) H_{H_2}^{(2)}(y) d\alpha(y), H_2(f_1, f_2) = H_{H_2}^{(2)}$$

for any couple  $(f_1, f_2)$  of bounded continuous functions  $f_j$  on  $\Delta_j$  ( $j=1, 2$ ).

Proof. Let  $f$  be any bounded continuous function on  $\Delta_1$ (resp.  $\Delta_2$ ). Then  $(f, 0)$  (resp.  $(0, f)$ ) being **H-resolutive**,  $f$  is **H<sub>1</sub>-resolutive** (resp. **H<sub>2</sub>-resolutive**) and  $H_j^{(j)} = H_1(f, 0)$ ,  $H_j^{(j)} = H_2(0, f)$ . Conversely let  $(f_1, f_2)$  be any couple of bounded continuous functions  $f_j$  on  $\Delta_j$  ( $j=1, 2$ ) and  $f_j^*$  be a bounded continuous function on  $X_j^*$  such that  $f_j^* = f_j$  on  $\Delta_j$  ( $j=1, 2$ ). Then  $f_j^* \in W^{(j)}(X)$  ( $j=1, 2$ ) by Theorem 4.4 in [6]. Since  $W^{(1)}(X) \times W^{(2)}(X) = W(X, H)$ , we know that  $(f_1^*, f_2^*) \in W(X, H)$ . Hence  $(f_1, f_2)$  is **H-resolutive** by Lemma 13 and so  $(X_1^*, X_2^*)$  is **H-resolutive**. The integral representation is shown by Lemma 12.

By Lemma 1 and Theorem 4.7 in [6], we have

**Corollary.** Suppose that the constant function 1 is in  $W^{(1)}(X)$ . If a couple  $(X_1^*, X_2^*)$  of two compactifications of  $X$  is **H-resolutive**, then  $\text{Supp}(\mu_x^*) = \Gamma_1$  and  $\text{Supp}(\nu_x^*) = \text{Supp}(\lambda_x^*) = \Gamma_2$ .

**Definition 4.** Let  $(X_1^*, X_2^*)$  be a **H-resolutive compactification**. A couple  $(a_1, a_2)$  of points  $a_j \in \Delta_j$  ( $j=1, 2$ ) is called **H-regular**, if for any couple  $(f_1, f_2)$  of bounded continuous functions  $f_j$  on  $\Delta_j$  ( $j=1, 2$ ),

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a_j} H_j(f_1, f_2)(x) = f_j(a_j) \quad (j=1, 2).$$

If the constant function 1 is in  $W^{(2)}(X)$ , then a couple  $(a_1, a_2)$  of points  $a_j \in \Delta_j$  ( $j=1, 2$ ) is **H-regular** if and only if  $a_j$  is **H<sub>j</sub>-regular** ( $j=1, 2$ ). Hence all couples  $(a_1, a_2) \in \Gamma$  are not **H-regular** by Lemma 10.

Suppose that the constant function 1 is in  $W^{(1)}(X)$  and  $W^{(2)}(X)$ . Let  $X_j^*$  be the Wiener compactification of  $(X, H_j)$  ( $j=1, 2$ ). Then  $X_j^*$  is **H<sub>j</sub>-resolutive** and all points

in  $\Gamma_j$  are  $H_j$ -regular ( $j=1, 2$ ) by Corollary 5.1 and Theorem 5.4 in [6]. Hence in this case we have the following

**Corollary.** (c. f. Theorem 7 in [12]) *If the constant function 1 is in  $W^{(1)}(X)$  and  $W^{(2)}(X)$ , then the Riquier's boundary value problem on the ideal boundaries has a unique solution (i. e. for any couple  $(f_1, f_2)$  of bounded continuous functions  $f_j$  on  $\Delta_j$  ( $j=1, 2$ ), there exists a unique  $(u_1, u_2) \in H(X)$  such that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} u_j(x) = f_j(a)$  for any  $a \in \Gamma_j$  ( $j=1, 2$ )).*

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