

# THE $\alpha$ -SUN TOPOLOGY AND $L$ -SUN TOPOLOGY IN THE PLANE

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The sun topology, one of the fine topologies, was proved by Pyrih in 1999 to be strictly finer than 2-fine topology from the logarithmic potential theory in the plane. In this paper two new fine topologies in the plane named the  $\alpha$ -sun topology with  $\alpha \in (1, 2)$  and the  $L$ -sun topology respectively are introduced, and it is proved that (1) the  $\alpha$ -sun topology is strictly finer than the  $\alpha$ -fine topology from Riesz potential theory; (2) the  $\alpha$ -sun topology is strictly finer than the  $\alpha'$ -sun topology for any  $\alpha, \alpha' \in (1, 2)$  satisfying that  $\alpha < \alpha'$ . (3) the  $L$ -sun topology is strictly finer than the 2-fine topology and strictly coarser than the  $\alpha$ -sun topology. And so the following strictly conclusion relation formulas are valid :

(i) The sun topology  $\supset$  the  $\alpha$ -sun topology  $\supset$  the  $\alpha'$ -sun topology  $\supset$  the  $\alpha'$ -fine topology  $\supset$  the 2-fine topology  $\supset$  the Euclidean topology, and

(ii) The  $\alpha$ -sun topology  $\supset$  the  $L$ -sun topology  $\supset$  the 2-fine topology.

Some separation properties of the  $\alpha$ -sun topology and the  $L$ -sun topology are also studied.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

It is known that there is a close connection between Riesz capacities and Hausdorff measures which promotes the developments of not only the potential theory but also the fractal geometry in the recent 30 years<sup>1, 3, 8, 11</sup>

In this paper we investigate fine topologies by means of capacities and Hausdorff measures. It is known<sup>5, 10, 11</sup> that the 2-fine topology in  $\mathbf{R}^N$  ( $N \geq 2$ ) (i.e. the fine topology from the logarithmic potential theory when  $N = 2$  and the Newton potential theory when  $N \geq 3$ ) is strictly finer than the Euclidean topology, and the  $\alpha$ -fine topology from Riesz potential theory ( $0 < \alpha < 2$ ) strictly finer than the 2-fine topology; for  $0 < \alpha' < \alpha < 2$ , we have the  $\alpha'$ -fine topology strictly finer than the  $\alpha$ -fine topology.

In 1999, Pyrih<sup>9</sup> proved the sun topology is strictly finer than the 2-fine topology. The sun topology is introduced by G. Horbaczewska<sup>4</sup> and from now on we call it  $P$ -sun topology for the convenience of the comparison with the other topologies.

*Definition 1* — A subset  $A$  of the complex plane  $C$  is called an open set of the  $P$ -sun topology or  $P$ -sun open set, if every point  $x$  in  $A$  satisfies the following condition: there is a Borel

set  $F = F_x \subset [0, 2\pi]$  with linear Lebesgue measure zero such that for each  $\beta \in [0, 2\pi] \setminus F$  there exist a real number  $t_\beta > 0$  satisfying

$$\{z \in C : z = x + t(\cos \beta + i \sin \beta), |t| < t_\beta\} \subseteq A. \quad \dots (1)$$

In other words, if  $A$  contains  $x$ , then  $A$  contains a segment on almost every line through  $x$ .

*Remark* : Definition 1 is essentially the definition of "sun topology" in<sup>9</sup>, but here we omit the restriction that  $A$  is Lebesgue measurable, and add the hypothesis that  $F$  is Borel set in order to compare with the other fine topologies.

After having proved in<sup>12</sup> the  $P$ -sun topology is strictly finer than the  $\alpha$ -fine topologies, we are faced with the problem: is there another topology which is coarser than the  $P$ -sun topology and finer than the  $\alpha$ -fine topologies or the 2-fine topology?

By introducing the  $\alpha$ -sun topology in section 2 and the  $L$ -sun topology in section 4, we solve this problem, furthermore and obtain the comparison relations for different topologies concerned below :

- (1) The  $\alpha$ -sun topologies are strictly finer than the  $\alpha$ -fine topology ( $1 < \alpha < 2$ ) and strictly coarser than the  $P$ -sun topology;
- (2) for  $1 < \alpha' < \alpha < 2$ , the  $\alpha'$ -sun topology is strictly finer than the  $\alpha$ -sun topology;
- (3) the  $L$ -sun topology is strictly finer than the 2-fine topology and strictly coarser than the  $\alpha$ -sun topology.

i.e. we have the following strict conclusion relations:

The  $P$ -sun topology  $\supset$  the  $\alpha'$ -sun topology  $\supset$  the  $\alpha$ -sun topology  $\supset$  the  $\alpha$ -fine topology  $\supset$  the 2-fine topology;

The  $P$ -sun topology  $\supset$  the  $\alpha$ -sun topology  $\supset$  the  $L$ -sun topology  $\supset$  the 2-fine topology.

In section 5 some properties such as separation and separable properties for the  $\alpha$ -sun topology and the  $P$ -sun topology are also discussed.

At first, let us recall some basic notions and conclusions about Hausdorff measure and dimension.

*Definition 2* — Suppose  $B$  is a subset of  $R^n$  and  $\{U_j\}$  is a sequence of subsets of  $R^n$   $|U_j|$  is the diameter of  $U_j$ . If for  $\delta > 0$  we have  $\bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} U_j \supseteq B$  and  $|U_j| < \delta$  for all  $j \in N := \{1, 2, \dots\}$ , then  $\{U_j\}$  is said to be a  $\delta$ -cover of  $B$ . For a real number  $s > 0$ , set

$$H_\delta^s(B) = \inf \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |U_j|^s,$$

where the infimum is taken over all  $\delta$ -covers of  $B$ , and set

$$H^s(B) = \lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0} H_\delta^s(B),$$

then  $H^s(B)$  is called the  $s$ -dimension Hausdorff measure of  $B$ .

It is easy to see<sup>3</sup> that (i) if  $0 < s < t$  and  $H^s(B) = 0$ , then  $H^t(B) = 0$ ;

(ii) Hausdorff measure is an outer measure, each Souslin set (including Borel set) is Hausdorff measurable.

(iii)  $H^n(B)$  is the  $n$  dimension Lebesgue outer measure of  $B$  when  $n \geq 1$  is an integer.

**Definition 3<sup>3</sup>** — Set  $\dim_H B := \inf \{s : H^s(B) = 0\} = \sup \{s : H^s(B) = \infty\}$  and call it the Hausdorff dimension of  $B$ .

Then we have  $H^s(B) = \infty$  when  $s < \dim_H B$  and  $H^s(B) = 0$  when  $s > \dim_H B$ .

**Definition 4<sup>3</sup>** — Suppose  $E$  is a subset of  $R^N$ . A mapping  $f : E \rightarrow R^N$  is said to be bi-Lipschitz mapping if there exist constants  $\eta$  and  $\rho$  with  $0 < \eta \leq \rho < \infty$  such that

$$\eta |x - y| \leq |f(x) - f(y)| \leq \rho |x - y|, \quad \forall x, y \in E \quad \dots (2)$$

**Lemma 1<sup>3</sup>** — For a bi-Lipschitz mapping  $f$  we have

$$\eta^s H^s(E) \leq H^s(f(E)) \leq \rho^s H^s(E),$$

which means  $f(E)$  and  $E$  have the same Hausdorff dimension. In particular, for a similar mapping  $f : C \rightarrow C : f(x) = rx, r \geq 0$ , we have  $H^s(f(E)) = r^s H^s(E), 0 < s < \infty$ .

It is not difficult to verify that there exists a bi-Lipschitz mapping  $f$  from the segment  $[0, 2\pi]$  to the unit circle  $S = \{e^{i\theta} : 0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi\}$ , therefore definition 1 is equivalent to the following Definition 1'.

**Definition 1'** — A subset  $A$  of the complex plane  $C$  is called an open set of the  $P$ -sun topology or  $P$ -sun open set, if every point  $x$  in  $A$  satisfies the following condition : there is a Borel set  $F = F_x$  having 1 dimension Hausdorff measure zero (i.e.  $H^1(F) = 0$ ) such that for each  $\xi \in S_x \setminus F$ , there exists a real number  $t_\xi > 0$  satisfying

$$\{z = x + t\xi \in C : 0 \leq t < t_\xi\} \subseteq A. \quad \dots (1a)$$

where  $S_x := \{y \in C : |y - x| = 1\}$ .

**Lemma 2** — For any  $s : 0 < s < 1$ , we can construct a generalized Cantor  $E$  which is a subset of segment  $I := [0, 1]$  or a segment arc  $J$  such that

(i)  $\dim_H E = s$  and  $0 < H^s(E) < \infty$ ;

(ii)  $E$  is a complete set with  $\text{card}(E) = \aleph$  (the cardinal of continuum).

**PROOF :** By Lemma 1 we need only consider the case that  $I : [0, 1]$ . Fix an  $s : 0 < s < 1$

and put  $a = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{1/s}$ . Then  $0 < a < 1/2, 2a^s = 1$ . Let  $S_1(x) = ax, S_2(x) = 1 - a(1 - x)$ , then both  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  are the contraction mapping on  $I$ , and so there exists a compact invariant set  $E$  by Theorem 9.1 of<sup>3</sup> such that

$$E = S_1(E) \cup S_2(E).$$

$E$  is a self-similar generalized Cantor set and can be constructed as the classical Cantor set : At first one divides  $I$  into 3 intervals:  $I_1, I_2$  and  $I_3$ , and let left interval  $I_1$  and right interval  $I_3$  both has a length  $a$ , and the mid interval  $I_2$  with the length  $(1 - 2a)$ . Put  $E_1 := I_1 \cup I_3$ ; and let  $I_1$  and  $I_3$  take the place of  $I$  respectively and the same procedure produces a set  $E_2$  which is the union of 4 intervals, each of them is a subset of  $I_1$  or  $I_3$  and has a length  $a^2$ ; by repeating the procedure we get  $E_n$  which is the union of  $2^n$  intervals (each of them has a length  $a^n$  and the same

property),  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then the set  $E := \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} E_n$  is desired. Indeed, the Hausdorff dimension of  $E$   $\dim_H E = s$  and  $0 < H^s(E) < \infty$  by Theorem 9.3 of [3], and one can verify  $E$  is a complete set by using the same method as that for the classical Cantor set.

## 2. DEFINITION OF THE $\alpha$ -SUN TOPOLOGY AND SOME LEMMAS FOR THE $\alpha$ -CAPACITY

*Definition 5* — Suppose  $\mu$  is a Radon measure on  $C, 0 < \alpha < 2$ , the integral

$$U_\alpha^\mu(y) = \int \frac{d\mu(x)}{|x - y|^{2-\alpha}}, \quad y \in C$$

is called the  $\alpha$ -potential of measure  $\mu$  and

$$I_\alpha(\mu) = \int U_\alpha^\mu(y) d\mu(y) = K_\alpha \int \frac{d\mu(x) d\mu(y)}{|x - y|^{2-\alpha}}$$

is said to be the  $\alpha$ -energy of measure  $\mu$ . For a compact subset  $F$  of  $C$ , set

$$W_\alpha(F) := \inf \{I_\alpha(\mu) : \text{supp}(\mu) \subset F \text{ and total mass of } \mu \text{ is } 1\}.$$

And  $C_\alpha(F) := (W_\alpha(F))^{-1}$  is called the  $\alpha$ -capacity of  $F$  if  $W_\alpha(F) < \infty$ , and  $F$  is called a set with  $\alpha$ -capacity zero and denoted with  $C_\alpha(F) = 0$  if  $W_\alpha(F) = \infty$ . The  $\alpha$ -capacity of an open set  $G$  is defined as  $C_\alpha(G) = \sup \{C_\alpha(F) : F \text{ is a compact subset of } G\}$ ; The  $\alpha$ -outer capacity of a general set  $E$  is  $C_\alpha^*(E) = \inf \{C_\alpha(G) : G \text{ is open and } G \supset E\}$ ; A set  $E$  is said to be capacitable if

$$C_\alpha^*(E) = \sup \{C_\alpha(F) : F \text{ is a compact subset of } E\}.$$

For a capacitable set  $E$ , The  $\alpha$ -capacity of  $E$  is defined to be its  $\alpha$ -outer capacity, i.e.  $C_\alpha(E) := C_\alpha^*(E)$ .

It is known<sup>2</sup> that any analytic set, including Borel set is capacitable.

By means of the set  $\alpha$ -capacity zero we introduce the concept the  $\alpha$ -sun topology:

*Definition 6* — Suppose  $1 < \alpha < 2$ . A subset  $G$  of the plane  $\mathbf{C}$  is called an open set of the  $\alpha$  -sun topology or  $\alpha$ -sun open set, if every point  $x$  in  $G$  satisfies the following condition : there is a Borel set  $F = F_x$  with  $\alpha$ -capacity zero (i.e.  $C_\alpha(F) = 0$ ) such that for each  $\xi \in S_x \setminus F$ , there exists a real number  $t_\xi > 0$  satisfying

$$\{z = x + t \xi \in \mathbf{C} : 0 \leq t < t_\xi\} \subseteq G. \quad \dots (1b)$$

where  $S_x := \{y \in \mathbf{C} : |y - x| = 1\}$ .

It is easy to verify that the all  $\alpha$ -sun open sets construct a topology in  $\mathbf{C}$ , and we call it the  $\alpha$ -sun topology.

*Definition 7*<sup>5</sup> — The coarsest topology on  $\mathbf{C}$  in which all the  $\alpha$ -potentials are continuous is called the  $\alpha$ -fine topology ( $0 < \alpha < 2$ ).

*Lemma 3*<sup>2</sup> — A subset  $G$  of the place  $\mathbf{C}$  is an  $\alpha$ -fine open set, i.e. the open set of the  $\alpha$ -fine topology when and only when  $E := \mathbf{C} \setminus G$  is  $\alpha$ -thin at every point in  $G$ , i.e. for any  $x_0 \in G$  and any  $q \in (0, 1)$  we have

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{C_\alpha^*(E_k)}{q^{k(2-\alpha)}} < \infty,$$

where  $C_\alpha^*(F)$  is the outer capacity of  $F$ ,  $E_k := E \cap \{z \in \mathbf{C} : q^k \leq |z - x_0| < q^{k-1}\}$ ,  $k \in \mathbf{N}$ .

*Lemma 4*<sup>5</sup> — For any  $z \in \mathbf{C}$ , there is a neighborhood base  $\mathbf{B}$  of the  $\alpha$ -fine topology ( $0 < \alpha < 2$ ) such that each member in  $\mathbf{B}$  is compact in the Euclidean topology.

*Lemma 5*<sup>5,6</sup> — The  $\alpha$ -capacity satisfies that

- (i) monotonicity;
- (ii) sub-additivity;
- (iii) invariance under translation and rotation;

(iv) contraction principle : Suppose  $E$  is a subset of  $\mathbf{C}$ ,  $f: E \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$  is a contraction mapping: i.e. for any  $x, y \in E$  we have:  $|f(x) - f(y)| \leq k|x - y|$ , where  $0 < k \leq 1$  is a constant, then  $C_\alpha(f(E)) \leq C_\alpha(E)$ .

(v) If  $0 < \alpha' < \alpha < 2$  and  $C_{\alpha'}(E) = 0$ , then  $C_\alpha(E) = 0$ .

*Lemma 6* — Suppose  $1 < \alpha < 2$ ,  $E$  is a subset of  $\mathbf{C}$ ,  $f: E \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$  is bi-Lipschitz mapping, i.e. (2) is valid, then

$$\eta^{2-\alpha} C_\alpha(E) \leq C_\alpha(f(E)) \leq \rho^{2-\alpha} C_\alpha(E) \quad \dots (4)$$

PROOF : By the definition of the  $\alpha$ -capacity, we need only verify (4) is valid for any compact set  $E$ . At first, we verify that for the similar mapping  $g: \mathbf{C} \rightarrow \mathbf{C} : g(x) = \rho x$ ,  $\rho \geq 0$ , we have

$$C_\alpha(g(E)) = \rho^{2-\alpha} C_\alpha(E). \quad \dots (5)$$

Set  $x' = g(x)$ ,  $E' = g(E)$ , then for any unit positive measure  $\mu$  on  $E$  there is a unit positive measure  $\mu'$  on  $E'$  such that  $\mu'(F') = \mu(g^{-1}(F'))$ ,  $\forall F' \subseteq E'$ ; conversely, for any unit positive measure  $\mu'$  on  $E'$ , by setting  $\mu(F) := \mu'(g(F))$ ,  $\forall F \subseteq E$ , we get a unit positive measure  $\mu$  on  $E$ . Thus there is a correspondence between the set of unit positive measures  $\mu$  on  $E$  and the set of unit positive measures  $\mu'$  on  $E'$ , hence

$$\begin{aligned} I_\alpha(\mu') &= \int_{E' \times E'} |x-y|^{\alpha-2} d\mu'(x') d\mu'(y') = \int_{E \times E} |g(x) - g(y)|^{\alpha-2} d\mu(x) d\mu(y) \\ &= \rho^{\alpha-2} \int_{E \times E} |x-y|^{\alpha-2} d\mu(x) d\mu(y) \\ &= \rho^{\alpha-2} I_\alpha(\mu), \end{aligned}$$

which implies

$$W_\alpha(E') = \rho^{\alpha-2} W_\alpha(E), C_\alpha(E') = \rho^{2-\alpha} C_\alpha(E).$$

Now suppose  $f: E \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is a bi-Lipschitz mapping such (2) is valid. Since  $f$  is one-to-one, it follows from (2),

$$|f(x) - f(y)| \leq |g(x) - g(y)|, \quad \forall x, y \in E$$

$$\text{hence } |f \circ g^{-1}(x') - f \circ g^{-1}(y')| \leq |x' - y'|, \quad \forall x', y' \in E'$$

which means that the composed mappings  $f \circ g^{-1}$  is a contraction mapping from  $E'$  to  $f(E)$ , by Lemma 5 we have

$$C_\alpha(f(E)) \leq C_\alpha(E') = \rho^{2-\alpha} C_\alpha(E).$$

Replacing  $f$  by  $f^{-1}$ , we can obtain the left inequality in (4) and the proof is complete.

*Lemma 7*<sup>3</sup> — Suppose  $E$  is a Souslin set,  $1 < \alpha < 2$ .

(i) If  $C_\alpha(E) = 0$ , then  $H^s(E) = 0$  for any  $s > 2 - \alpha$ , in particular,  $H^1(E) = 0$ .

(ii) If  $H^s(E) < \infty$  for some  $s \in (0, 1)$ , then  $C_{2-s}(E) = 0$ .

*Lemma 8*<sup>12</sup> — Suppose  $1 < \alpha < 2$ ,  $E$  is a line segment or segmental arc with length  $l$ , then there exists a constant  $k > 0$  depending only on  $\alpha$  such that  $C_\alpha(E) \geq kl^{2-\alpha}$ .

### 3. MAIN RESULTS ON THE $\alpha$ -SUN TOPOLOGY

**Theorem 1** — Suppose  $1 < \alpha < 2$ , then the  $\alpha$ -sun topology is strictly finer than the  $\alpha$ -fine topology.

PROOF : At first, we verify that the  $\alpha$ -sun topology is finer than  $\alpha$ -fine topology.

Let  $G$  be an  $\alpha$ -fine open set,  $x \in G$ . Without loss of the generality, we may suppose  $x$  is the origin, i.e.  $x = 0$  since the  $\alpha$ -capacity is invariant under translation and rotation by Lemma 5.

By Lemma 4, there exists an  $\alpha$ -fine neighborhood  $K$  which is compact in Euclidean topology such that  $K \subset G$ . By Definition 6, we have to prove that there exists a Borel set  $F$  satisfying  $F \subseteq S := \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| = 1\}$ , and  $C_\alpha(F) = 0$ , and that for any  $\xi \in S \setminus F$  there is  $t_\xi > 0$  such that

$$\{z = t\xi \in \mathbb{C} : 0 \leq t < t_\xi\} \subseteq K. \quad \dots (1c)$$

To do this, put  $E_n := T_n \setminus K = T_n \cap (\mathbb{C} \setminus K)$ , where  $T_n := \left\{z \in \mathbb{C} : \frac{1}{2^n} \leq |z| < \frac{1}{2^{n-1}}\right\}$ ;  $L_n := \left\{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| = \frac{1}{2^n}\right\}$ ;  $B_n := \{z \in L_n : \text{there is some } r > 0 \text{ such that } rz \in E_n\}$ , for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Then  $E_n$  and  $B_n$  are Borel sets, and  $B_n$  is the imagine of  $E_n$  under the radial projection which is a contraction mapping. By Lemma 5 we have

$$C_\alpha(B_n) \leq C_\alpha(E_n), \quad n \in \mathbb{N}. \quad \dots (6)$$

On the other hand, we have by Lemma 3

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{C_\alpha(E_n)}{2^{-n(2-\alpha)}} < \infty. \quad \dots (7)$$

Now the similar mapping  $g : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C} : g(x) = 2^n x$ , maps  $B_n \subset L_n$  into the unit circle  $S$ , it follows from Lemma 6

$$C_\alpha(g(B_n)) = 2^{n(2-\alpha)} C_\alpha(B_n). \quad \dots (8)$$

And (6), (7) and (8) imply

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} C_\alpha(g(B_n)) < \infty. \quad \dots (9)$$

By the definitions of  $E_n, B_n$  and  $g(B_n)$ , it is easy to see that

$$\left(\left\{e^{i\theta} \mid e^{i\theta} \in S \setminus g(B_n), r > 0\right\} \cap T_n\right) \subset K, \quad \dots (10)$$

$$\text{Put } A_m := \bigcup_{n=m}^{\infty} g(B_n), \quad F := \bigcap_{m=1}^{\infty} A_m,$$

Then  $\{A_m\}$  is a decreasing sequence of Borel sets and  $F$  is a Borel set, and by (9) and Lemma 5 (i-ii) we obtain

$$C_\alpha(F) \leq \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} C_\alpha(A_m) \leq \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{n=m}^{\infty} C_\alpha(g(B_n)) = 0.$$

which implies  $C_\alpha(F) = 0$ . Obviously, for any  $\xi \in S \setminus F$ , there exists  $m = m_\xi \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\xi \notin A_m$ ,

i.e.  $\xi \notin g(B_n)$  for all  $n \geq m$  which implies  $\{z = t\xi \in \mathbf{C} : t \geq 0\} \cap T_n = \emptyset$  for all  $n \geq m$  since (10) is valid, hence we have

$$\{z = t\xi \in \mathbf{C} : t \geq 0\} \cap \left\{ z \in Q : |z| < \frac{1}{2^{m+1}} \right\} \subseteq K.$$

Therefore, if we take  $t_\xi := \frac{1}{2^{m-1}}$ ,  $m = m_\xi$ , then (1c) is valid.

Secondly, we have an example to show there exists an  $\alpha$ -sun open set which is not an  $\alpha$ -fine open set. In fact, put

$$D := \left\{ z = t e^{i\theta} : 0 \leq t < 1 \right\} \setminus E, \text{ where } E := \{ z = t : 0 < t < 1 \}.$$

Then it is easy to verify that  $D$  is an  $\alpha$ -sun open set. Set

$$E_n := \left\{ z = t \in E, \frac{1}{2^n} \leq t < \frac{1}{2^{n-1}} \right\},$$

then the segment  $E_n$  has a length  $2^{-n}$ , by Lemma 8, there is a constant  $k > 0$  depending on only  $\alpha$  such that  $C_\alpha(E_n) \geq k(2^{-n})^{2-\alpha}$ , hence we have

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{C_\alpha(E_n)}{2^{-n(2-\alpha)}} \geq k \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(2^{-n})^{2-\alpha}}{2^{-n(2-\alpha)}} = \infty.$$

which means by Lemma 3 that  $D$  is not an  $\alpha$ -fine open set. Thus the proof is complete.

**Theorem 2** — *If  $1 < \alpha' < \alpha < 2$ , then the  $\alpha'$ -sun topology is strictly finer than the  $\alpha$ -sun topology.*

PROOF : Since  $1 < \alpha' < \alpha < 2$ ,  $C_\alpha(F) = 0$  implies  $C_{\alpha'}(F) = 0$  by Lemma 5(v), hence an  $\alpha$ -sun open set is an  $\alpha'$ -fine open set by Definition 6, i.e. the  $\alpha'$ -sun topology is finer than the  $\alpha$ -sun topology.

On the other hand, for any fixed real number  $s : 2 - \alpha < s < 1 - \alpha'$ , there exists a compact set  $F$  such that  $F \subset S := \{z \in \mathbf{C} : |z| = 1\}$ ,  $\dim_H F = s$  and  $0 < H^s(F) < \infty$  by Lemma 2; then  $H^{2-\alpha}(F) = 0$ , but  $H^{2-\alpha'}(F) = \infty$ , which imply  $C_\alpha(F) = 0$  and  $C_{\alpha'}(F) > 0$  by Lemma 7. Put

$$G := \{ z = t e^{i\beta} \in \mathbf{C} : t \geq 0, e^{i\beta} \in S \setminus F \},$$

Then  $G$  is an  $\alpha'$ -sun open set, but not an  $\alpha$ -sun open set. Therefore the  $\alpha'$ -sun topology is strictly finer than the  $\alpha$ -sun topology.

**Theorem 3** — *The  $P$ -sun topology strictly finer than the  $\alpha$ -sun topology ( $1 < \alpha < 2$ ).*

PROOF : Suppose  $F \subset S$ ,  $F$  is a Borel set and  $C_\alpha(F) = 0$ , then  $H^1(F) = 0$  by Lemma 7. Hence an  $\alpha$ -sun open set is an  $P$ -sun open set by Definition 6 and Definition 1', i.e. the  $P$ -sun topology is finer than the  $\alpha$ -sun topology.



On the other hand, for any fixed real number  $s : 2 - \alpha < s < 1$ , there exists a compact set  $F$  such that  $F \subset S \left( S := \{ e^{i\theta} : 0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi \} \right)$ ,  $\dim_H F = s$  and  $0 < H^s(F) < \infty$  by Lemma 2; then  $H^1(F) = 0$  and  $C_\alpha(F) > 0$  by Lemma 7. Now we can verify that the set

$$G := \{ z = t e^{i\beta} \in \mathbf{C} : t \geq 0, e^{i\beta} \in S \setminus F \},$$

is a  $P$ -sun open set, but not an  $\alpha$ -sun open set. Therefore the  $P$ -sun topology is strictly finer than the  $\alpha$ -sun topology.

From the above 3 Theorems and some well-known facts we obtain

*Corollary* — The  $P$ -sun topology  $\supset$  the  $\alpha'$ -sun topology  $\supset$  the  $\alpha$ -sun topology  $\supset$  the  $\alpha$ -fine topology  $\supset$  the 2-fine topology  $\supset$  the Euclidean topology for  $0 < \alpha' < \alpha < 2$ , where " $\supset$ " means strictly inclusion.

#### 4. $L$ -SUN TOPOLOGY

*Definition 8* — Suppose  $\mu$  is a Radon measure on  $\mathbf{C}$ , the integration

$$U_2^\mu(y) := \int \log \frac{d\mu}{|x-y|}, \quad y \in \mathbf{C}$$

is called the logarithmic potential of  $\mu$  and

$$I_2(\mu) := \int U_2^\mu(y) d\mu(y) = \iint \log \frac{1}{|x-y|} d\mu(x) d\mu(y), \quad \dots (10)$$

is said to be the energy of  $\mu$ . For a compact subset  $F$  of  $\mathbf{C}$ , set

$$W_\alpha(F) := \inf \{ I_2(\mu) : \text{Supp}(\mu) \subset F \text{ and total mass of } \mu \text{ is } 1 \}.$$

And  $C_\alpha(F) = (W_2(F))^{-1}$  is called the Wiener capacity of  $F$  if  $W_2(F) < \infty$ , and  $F$  is called a set with Wiener capacity zero if  $W_\alpha(F) = \infty$ . Furthermore,  $C_l(F) = \exp(-W_2(F))^{-1}$  is called the logarithmic capacity of  $E$ . The logarithmic capacity of an open set  $G$  is defined as  $C_l(G) = \sup \{ C_l(F) : F \text{ is a subset of } G \}$ ; The logarithmic outer capacity of a general set  $E$  is  $C_l^*(E) = \inf \{ C_l(G) : G \text{ is open and } G \supset E \}$ ; A set  $E$  is said to be capacitiable if

$$C_l(E) = \sup \{ C_l(F) : F \text{ is a compact subset of } E \}.$$

By replacing the  $\alpha$ -capacity with the logarithmic capacity we get

*Definition 9* — A subset  $G$  of the plane  $\mathbf{C}$  is called an open set of  $L$ -sun topology or  $L$ -sun open set, if every point  $x$  in  $G$  satisfies the following condition : there is a Borel set  $F = F_x$  having logarithmic capacity zero such that for each  $\xi \in S_x \setminus F$ , there exists a real number  $t_\xi > 0$  satisfying

$$\{ z = x + t\xi \in \mathbf{C} : 0 \leq t < t_\xi \} \subseteq G. \quad \dots (1d)$$

*Definition 10<sup>5</sup>* — The coarsest topology on  $C$  in which all logarithmic potentials are continuous is called 2-fine topology. The open set of 2-fine topology is called 2-fine open set.

*Lemma 9<sup>2</sup>* — A subset  $E$  of  $C$  is a 2-fine open set when and only when  $E := C \setminus G$  is thin at each point  $x_0 \in G$ , i.e. for any  $q \in (0, 1)$  we have

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{-k}{\log C_l^*(E_k)} < \infty,$$

where  $C_l^*(F)$  is the outer logarithmic capacity of  $F$ ,

$$E_k := E \cap \left\{ z \in C : q^k \leq |z - x_0| < q^{k-1} \right\}, \quad k \in \mathbb{N}.$$

*Lemma 10<sup>6</sup>* — For any  $z \in C$ , there is a neighborhood base  $B$  of the 2-fine topology such that each member in  $B$  is compact in the Euclidean topology.

*Lemma 11<sup>6</sup>* — Suppose  $E$  is a Borel subset of  $C$  and  $C_l(E) = 0$ , then  $C_\alpha(E) = 0$ .

**Theorem 4** — *L-sun topology is strictly coarser than the  $\alpha$ -sun topology ( $1 < \alpha < 2$ ).*

PROOF : Suppose  $F$  is a Borel subset of  $S$  and  $C_l(F) = 0$ , then  $C_\alpha(F) = 0$  by Lemma 11. Hence by Definition 6 and 9, any  $L$ -sun open set is an  $\alpha$ -sun open set, which means the  $\alpha$ -sun topology is finer than the  $L$ -sun topology.

For any  $1 < \alpha < 2$ , there is an  $\alpha'$  such that  $0 < \alpha < \alpha' < 2$ . By Lemma 2, one can construct a Borel subset  $F$  of  $S$  such that

$$C_\alpha(F) = 0 \text{ and } C_{\alpha'}(F) > 0.$$

Then we have  $C_l(F) > 0$  by Lemma 11. Then one can construct an  $\alpha$ -sun open set which is not an  $L$ -sun open set as we do in the proof of Theorem 2. Therefore the  $L$ -sun topology is strictly coarser than the  $\alpha$ -sun topology.

*Lemma 12* — Suppose  $E$  is a Borel subset of  $C$ , a mapping  $f: E \rightarrow C$  is bi-Lipschitz, i.e. (2) is valid then

$$\eta C_l(E) \leq C_l(f(E)) \leq \rho C_l(E)$$

especially for a similar mapping  $g: C \rightarrow C: g(x) = \rho x, \rho \geq 0$ , we have

$$C_l(g(E)) = \rho C_l(E).$$

The proof is similar to Lemma 6 and omitted.

By Lemmas 9 and 12 we can prove the following theorem similarly to Theorem 1.

**Theorem 5** — *The L-sun topology is strictly finer than the 2-fine topology.*

5. SOME PROPERTIES OF THE  $\alpha$ -SUN TOPOLOGY AND L-SUN TOPOLOGY

**Definition 11**<sup>6</sup> — A topology  $T$  on  $C$  is said to satisfy the essential radius condition if for any  $x$  on  $C$  and any neighbourhood  $U$  of  $x$ , there exists an essential radius  $r(x, U_x) > 0$  such that

$$|x - y| \leq \min \{r(x, U_x), r(y, U_y)\} \Rightarrow U_x \cap U_y \neq \emptyset,$$

for every neighbourhood  $U_x, U_y$  of  $x$  and  $y$  in  $C$ , where  $|x - y|$  is the Euclidean distance between  $x$  and  $y$ .

**Theorem 6** — *The  $\alpha$ -sun topology and L-sun topology both have the following properties:*

- (1) Satisfy the essential radius condition;
- (2) Have the Euclidean  $G_\delta$ -insertion property: i.e. for any  $\alpha$ -(or L-) sun open set  $G$  and  $\alpha$ -(or L-) sun closed set  $F$  with  $G \subseteq F$ , there exists a set  $D$  of type Euclidian  $G_\delta$  such that  $G \subseteq D \subseteq F$ ;

(3) Both the  $\alpha$ -sun topology and L-sun topology are not separable;

(4) Both the  $\alpha$ -sun topology and L-sun topology are locally connected.

The proof is similar to that in [9] and omitted. We can also conclude the following results.

**Theorem 7** — *The  $\alpha$ -sun topology is not normal, where  $\alpha \in (1, 2)$ .*

PROOF : By Lemma 2, Lemma 7, Theorem 6 and Theorem 2.2 of [10, p 347], a method similar to [9] leads to the conclusion.

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