962-30-763 Albert Baernstein II (al@math.wustl.edu), Department of Mathematics, Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri 63130. Some comparison problems for harmonic measure in the plane Preliminary report.

Let Ω be a circularly symmetric plane domain which contains the origin, and let Ω_1 be its radial symmetrization in the sense of M. Marcus. For R > 0, let $\omega_1(R)$ be the harmonic measure at the origin of the circle |z| = R with respect to the part of Ω inside the disk |z| < R, and let $\omega_1(R)$ be the corresponding harmonic measure when Ω is replaced by Ω_1 . Is it always true that $\omega(R) \leq \omega_1(R)$? In this talk I will discuss the status of this and some related problems which have been the subject of recent work, notably by A. Pruss. (Received September 25, 2000)