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Let f be a function on a bounded domain $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ and δ be a positive function on Ω such that $B(x, \delta(x)) \subseteq \Omega$. Let $\sigma(f)(x)$ be the average of f over the ball $B(x, \delta(x))$. The restricted mean-value theorems discuss the conditions on f, δ , and Ω under which $\sigma(f) = f$ implies that f is harmonic. In this paper, we study the stability of harmonic functions with respect to the map σ . One expects that, in general, the sequence $\sigma^n(f)$ converges to a harmonic function. Among our results, we show that if Ω is strongly convex (respectively $C^{2,\alpha}$ -smooth for some $\alpha \in [0, 1]$), the function $\delta(x)$ is continuous, and $f \in C^0(\overline{\Omega})$ (respectively, $f \in C^{2,\alpha}(\overline{\Omega})$), then $\sigma^n(f)$ converges to a harmonic function uniformly on $\overline{\Omega}$. (Received September 20, 2007)