

ON GLOBAL BEHAVIOR OF MAPPINGS IN METRIC SPACES IN  
TERMS OF PRIME ENDS

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Given a metric space  $(X, d, \mu)$  with a measure  $\mu$ , a *domain* in  $X$  is an open path-connected set in  $X$ . We call a bounded connected set  $E \subsetneq \Omega$  an *acceptable set* if  $\overline{E} \cap \partial\Omega \neq \emptyset$ . We call a sequence  $\{E_k\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$  of acceptable sets a *chain* if it satisfies the following conditions: 1.  $E_{k+1} \subset E_k$  for all  $k = 1, 2, \dots$ , 2.  $\text{dist}(\Omega \cap \partial E_{k+1}, \Omega \cap \partial E_k) > 0$  for all  $k = 1, 2, \dots$ , 3. The impression  $\bigcap_{k=1}^{\infty} \overline{E_k} \subset \partial\Omega$ . We say that a chain  $\{E_k\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$  divides the chain  $\{F_k\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$  if for each  $k$  there exists  $l_k$  such that  $E_{l_k} \subset F_k$ . Two chains are equivalent if they divide each other. A collection of all mutually equivalent chains is called an *end* and denoted  $[E_k]$ , where  $\{E_k\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$  is any of the chains in the equivalence class. The impression of  $[E_k]$ , denoted  $I[E_k]$ , is defined as the impression of any representative chain. We say that an end  $[E_k]$  is a *prime end* if it is not divisible by any other end. The collection of all prime ends is

called the *prime end boundary* and is denoted  $E_\Omega$ . In what follows, we set  $\overline{\Omega}_P := \Omega \cup E_\Omega$ . Given a family of paths  $\Gamma$  in  $X$ , a Borel function  $\varrho : X \rightarrow [0, \infty]$  is called *admissible* for  $\Gamma$ , abbr.  $\varrho \in \text{adm } \Gamma$ , if  $\int \varrho ds \geq 1$  for all (locally rectifiable)  $\gamma \in \Gamma$ . We denote by

$\Gamma(E, F, G)$  the family of all continuous curves  $\gamma : [0, 1] \rightarrow X$  such that  $\gamma(0) \in E$ ,  $\gamma(1) \in F$ , and  $\gamma(t) \in G$  for all  $t \in (0, 1)$ . Everywhere further  $(X, d, \mu)$  and  $(X', d', \mu')$  are metric spaces with metrics  $d$  and  $d'$  and locally finite Borel measures  $\mu$  and  $\mu'$ , correspondingly. We will assume that  $\mu$  is a Borel measure such that  $0 < \mu(B) < \infty$  for all balls  $B$  in  $X$ . Given  $p \geq 1$ , the  $p$ -modulus of the family  $\Gamma$  is the number  $M_p(\Gamma) = \inf_{\varrho \in \text{adm } \Gamma} \int_X \varrho^p(x) d\mu(x)$ .

Let  $G$  and  $G'$  be domains with finite Hausdorff dimensions  $\alpha$  and  $\alpha' \geq 1$  in  $X$  and  $X'$ , and let  $Q : G \rightarrow [0, \infty]$  be a measurable function. Given  $x_0 \in \partial G$ , denote  $S_i := S(x_0, r_i)$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ , where  $0 < r_1 < r_2 < \infty$ . We say that a mapping  $f : G \rightarrow G'$  is a *ring  $Q$ -mapping at a point  $x_0 \in \partial G$* , if the inequality  $M_{\alpha'}(f(\Gamma(S_1, S_2, A))) \leq \int_{A \cap G} Q(x) \eta^\alpha(d(x, x_0)) d\mu(x)$  holds for

any ring  $A = A(x_0, r_1, r_2) = \{x \in X : r_1 < d(x, x_0) < r_2\}$ ,  $0 < r_1 < r_2 < \infty$ , and any measurable function  $\eta : (r_1, r_2) \rightarrow [0, \infty]$  such that  $\int_{r_1}^{r_2} \eta(r) dr \geq 1$ . Given  $\delta > 0$ ,  $D \subset X$ , a continuum  $A \subset D$

and a measurable function  $Q : D \rightarrow [0, \infty]$ , denote  $\mathfrak{F}_{Q, \delta, A}(D)$  the family of all ring  $Q$ -homeomorphisms  $f : D \rightarrow X' \setminus K_f$  in  $D$ , such that  $f(D)$  is some open set in  $X'$  and  $d'(K_f) = \sup_{x, y \in K_f} d'(x, y) \geq \delta$

and  $d'(f(A)) \geq \delta$ , where  $K_f \subset X'$  is a continuum.

**Theorem.** *Let  $D$  and  $D'_f := f(D)$ ,  $f \in \mathfrak{F}_{Q, \delta, A}(D)$ , be domains with finite Hausdorff dimensions  $\alpha$  and  $\alpha' \geq 2$  in spaces  $(X, d, \mu)$  and  $(X', d', \mu')$ , respectively, and let  $X'$  be a domain with finite Hausdorff dimension  $\alpha' \geq 2$ . Assume that  $X$  is complete and supports an  $\alpha$ -Poincaré inequality, and that the measure is doubling. Let  $D$  be a bounded domain which is finitely connected at the boundary, and let  $Q : X \rightarrow (0, \infty)$  be a locally integrable function. Assume that,  $Q \in FMO(\overline{D})$ . If  $D'_f := f(D)$  and  $X'$  are*

equi-uniform domains over  $f \in \mathfrak{F}_{Q,\delta,A}(D)$  and  $\overline{D}'_f$  are compacts in  $X'$ , then  $\mathfrak{F}_{Q,\delta,A}(D)$  is equicontinuous in  $\overline{D}_P$ .

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