

On the prime ends extension of unclosed inverse mappings

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The following statements contain itself some results on prime end boundary extension of quasiconformal mappings.

Theorem A. *Under a quasiconformal mapping f of a collared domain D_0 onto a domain D , there exists a one-to-one correspondence between the boundary points of D_0 and the prime ends of D . Moreover, the cluster set $C(f, b)$, $b \in \partial D_0$, coincides with the impression $I(P)$ of the corresponding prime end P of D (see [1, Theorem 4.1]).*

Given $f : D \rightarrow D'$, we set $C(f, x) := \{y \in \overline{\mathbb{R}^n} : \exists x_k \in D : x_k \rightarrow x, f(x_k) \rightarrow y, k \rightarrow \infty\}$ and $C(f, \partial D) = \bigcup_{x \in \partial D} C(f, x)$.

Theorem B. *Let $f : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ be quasiregular mapping with $C(f, \partial D) \subset \partial f(D)$. If D is locally connected at a point $b \in \partial D$ and $D' = f(D)$ is qc accessible at some point $y \in C(f, b)$, then $C(f, b) = \{y\}$ (see [2, Theorem 4.2]).*

The goal of this abstract is to consider mappings which are not closed. Let $y_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $0 < r_1 < r_2 < \infty$ and $A = A(y_0, r_1, r_2) = \{y \in \mathbb{R}^n : r_1 < |y - y_0| < r_2\}$. Given sets $E, F \subset \overline{\mathbb{R}^n}$ and a domain $D \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ we denote by $\Gamma(E, F, D)$ a family of all paths $\gamma : [a, b] \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}^n}$ such that $\gamma(a) \in E, \gamma(b) \in F$ and $\gamma(t) \in D$ for $t \in (a, b)$. If $f : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$, $y_0 \in f(D)$ and $0 < r_1 < r_2 < d_0 = \sup_{y \in f(D)} |y - y_0|$, then by $\Gamma_f(y_0, r_1, r_2)$ we denote the family of all paths γ in D such that $f(\gamma) \in \Gamma(S(y_0, r_1), S(y_0, r_2), A(y_0, r_1, r_2))$. Let $Q : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow [0, \infty]$ be a Lebesgue measurable function. We say that f satisfies *Poletsky inverse inequality* at the point $y_0 \in f(D)$, if the relation

$$M(\Gamma_f(y_0, r_1, r_2)) \leq \int_{A(y_0, r_1, r_2) \cap f(D)} Q(y) \cdot \eta^n(|y - y_0|) dm(y) \quad (1)$$

holds for any Lebesgue measurable function $\eta : (r_1, r_2) \rightarrow [0, \infty]$ such that

$$\int_{r_1}^{r_2} \eta(r) dr \geq 1. \quad (2)$$

Recall that a mapping $f : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ is called *discrete* if the pre-image $\{f^{-1}(y)\}$ of each point $y \in \mathbb{R}^n$ consists of isolated points, and *is open* if the image of any open set $U \subset D$ is an open set in \mathbb{R}^n . Later, in the extended space $\overline{\mathbb{R}^n} = \mathbb{R}^n \cup \{\infty\}$ we use the spherical (chordal) metric h (see [3, Definition 12.1]). Further, the closure \overline{A} and the boundary ∂A of the set $A \subset \overline{\mathbb{R}^n}$ we understand relative to the chordal metric h in $\overline{\mathbb{R}^n}$.

The boundary of D is called *weakly flat* at the point $x_0 \in \partial D$, if for every $P > 0$ and for any neighborhood U of the point x_0 there is a neighborhood $V \subset U$ of the same point such that $M(\Gamma(E, F, D)) > P$ for any continua $E, F \subset D$ such that $E \cap \partial U \neq \emptyset \neq E \cap \partial V$ and $F \cap \partial U \neq \emptyset \neq F \cap \partial V$. The boundary of D is called weakly flat if the corresponding property holds at any point of the boundary D . Consider the following definition, see e.g. [1]. The boundary of a domain D in \mathbb{R}^n is said to be *locally quasiconformal* if every $x_0 \in \partial D$ has a neighborhood U that admits a quasiconformal mapping φ onto the unit ball $\mathbb{B}^n \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ such that $\varphi(\partial D \cap U)$ is the intersection of \mathbb{B}^n and a coordinate hyperplane. The sequence of cuts σ_m , $m = 1, 2, \dots$, is called *regular*, if $\overline{\sigma_m} \cap \overline{\sigma_{m+1}} = \emptyset$ for $m \in \mathbb{N}$ and, in addition, $d(\sigma_m) \rightarrow 0$ as $m \rightarrow \infty$. If the end K contains at least one regular chain, then K will be called *regular*. We say that a bounded domain D in \mathbb{R}^n is *regular*, if D can be quasiconformally mapped to a domain with a locally quasiconformal boundary whose closure is a compact in \mathbb{R}^n , and, besides that, every prime end in D is regular. Note that space $\overline{D}_P = D \cup E_D$ is metric, which can be demonstrated as follows. If $g : D_0 \rightarrow D$ is a quasiconformal mapping of a domain D_0 with a locally quasiconformal boundary onto some domain D , then for $x, y \in \overline{D}_P$ we put:

$$\rho(x, y) := |g^{-1}(x) - g^{-1}(y)|, \quad (3)$$

where the element $g^{-1}(x)$, $x \in E_D$, is to be understood as some (single) boundary point of the domain D_0 . The specified boundary point is unique, see e.g. [1, Theorem 4.1]. It is easy to verify that ρ in (3) is a metric on \overline{D}_P .

Let $E \subset \overline{D}$. We say that D is *finitely connected at the point* $z_0 \in E$, if for each neighborhood \tilde{U} of z_0 there is a neighborhood $\tilde{V} \subset \tilde{U}$ of z_0 such that $(D \cap \tilde{V}) \setminus E$ consists of finite number of components. We say that D is *finitely connected on* E , if D is finitely connected at every point $z_0 \in E$. The following theorem is true.

Theorem 1. *Let D and D' be domains in \mathbb{R}^n , $n \geq 2$, and let D be a domain with a weakly flat boundary. Suppose that f is open discrete mapping of D onto D' satisfying the relation (1) at each point $y_0 \in \overline{D}'$. In addition, assume that the following conditions are fulfilled:*

1) *for each point $y_0 \in \partial D'$ there is $0 < r_0 := \sup_{y \in D'} |y - y_0|$ such that for any $0 < r_1 < r_2 < r_0 := \sup_{y \in D'} |y - y_0|$ there exists a set $E \subset [r_1, r_2]$ of positive linear Lebesgue measure such that Q is integrable on $S(y_0, r)$ for $r \in E$;*

2) *D' is a regular domain and, in addition, D' is finitely connected on $C(f, \partial D) \cap D'$, i.e., for each point $z_0 \in C(f, \partial D) \cap D'$ and for any neighborhood U of this point there exists a neighborhood $V \subset U$ of this point such that the set $V \setminus C(f, \partial D)$ consists of a finite number of components;*

3) *the set $f^{-1}(C(f, \partial D) \cap D')$ is nowhere dense in D ;*

4) *the set D' is finitely connected in $E_{D'} := \overline{D}'_P \setminus D'$, i.e., for any $P_0 \in E_{D'}$ and any neighborhood U of P_0 in \overline{D}'_P there is a neighborhood $V \subset U$ such that $V \setminus C(f, \partial D)$ consists of finite number of components.*

Then the mapping f has a continuous extension $\bar{f} : \overline{D} \rightarrow \overline{D}'_P$ by the metric ρ defined in (3). Moreover, $\bar{f}(\overline{D}) = \overline{D}'_P$.

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