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ON FINITELY LIPSCHITZ SPACE MAPPINGS

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ABSTRACT. It is established that a ring Q -homeomorphism with respect to p -modulus in \mathbb{R}^n , $n \geq 2$, is finitely Lipschitz if $n - 1 < p < n$ and if the mean integral value of $Q(x)$ over infinitesimal balls $B(x_0, \varepsilon)$ is finite everywhere.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Recall that, given a family of paths Γ in \mathbb{R}^n , a Borel function $\varrho : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow [0, \infty]$ is called *admissible* for Γ , abbr. $\varrho \in \text{adm } \Gamma$, if

$$(1) \quad \int_{\gamma} \varrho ds \geq 1$$

for all $\gamma \in \Gamma$.

The p -modulus of Γ is the quantity

$$(2) \quad M_p(\Gamma) = \inf_{\varrho \in \text{adm } \Gamma} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \varrho^p(x) dm(x).$$

Here the notation m refers to the Lebesgue measure in \mathbb{R}^n .

Let G and G' be domains in \mathbb{R}^n , $n \geq 2$, and let $Q : G \rightarrow [0, \infty]$ be a measurable function. A homeomorphism $f : G \rightarrow G'$ is called a Q -homeomorphism with respect

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to the p -modulus if

$$(3) \quad M_p(f\Gamma) \leq \int_G Q(x) \cdot \varrho^p(x) \, dm(x)$$

for every family Γ of paths in G and every admissible function ϱ for Γ .

This conception is a natural generalization of the geometric definition of a quasiconformal mapping: if $Q(x) \leq K < \infty$ a.e., then f is quasiconformal under $p = n$, see 13.1 and 34.6 in [26], and quasiisometric under $1 < p \neq n$, see [4].

This class of Q -homeomorphisms with respect to the n -modulus was first considered in the papers [16]-[18], see also the monograph [19]. The main goal of the theory of Q -homeomorphisms is to clear up various interconnections between properties of the majorant $Q(x)$ and the corresponding properties of the mappings themselves. In particular, the problem of the local and boundary behavior of Q -homeomorphisms has been studied in \mathbb{R}^n first in the case $Q \in BMO$ (bounded mean oscillation) in the papers [16]-[18] and then in the case of $Q \in FMO$ (finite mean oscillation) and other cases in the papers [11], [12], [21].

Note that the estimate of the type (3) was first established in the classical quasiconformal theory. Namely, it was obtained in [15], p. 221, for quasiconformal mappings in the complex plane that

$$(4) \quad M(f\Gamma) \leq \int_{\mathbb{C}} K(z) \cdot \rho^2(z) \, dx dy$$

where

$$(5) \quad K(z) = \frac{|f_z| + |f_{\bar{z}}|}{|f_z| - |f_{\bar{z}}|}$$

is a (local) maximal dilatation of the mapping f at a point z . Next, it was obtained in [1], Lemma 2.1, for quasiconformal mappings in space, $n \geq 2$, that

$$(6) \quad M(f\Gamma) \leq \int_D K_I(x, f) \rho^n(x) \, dm(x)$$

where $K_I(x, f)$ stands for the inner dilatation of f at x , see (8) below.

Given a mapping $f : G \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ with partial derivatives a.e., $f'(x)$ denotes the Jacobian matrix of f at $x \in D$ if it exists, $J(x) = J(x, f) = \det f'(x)$ the Jacobian of f at x , and $|f'(x)|$ the operator norm of $f'(x)$, i.e., $|f'(x)| = \max\{|f'(x)h| : h \in \mathbb{R}^n, |h| = 1\}$. We also let $l(f'(x)) = \min\{|f'(x)h| : h \in \mathbb{R}^n, |h| = 1\}$. The *outer dilatation* of f at x is defined by

$$(7) \quad K_O(x, f) = \begin{cases} \frac{|f'(x)|^n}{|J(x, f)|}, & \text{if } J(x, f) \neq 0 \\ 1, & \text{if } f'(x) = 0 \\ \infty, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

the *inner dilatation* of f at x by

$$(8) \quad K_I(x, f) = \begin{cases} \frac{|J(x, f)|}{l(f'(x))^n}, & \text{if } J(x, f) \neq 0 \\ 1, & \text{if } f'(x) = 0 \\ \infty, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

The following notion generalizes and localizes the above notion of Q -homeomorphism. It is motivated by the ring definition of Gehring for quasiconformal

mappings, see, e.g., [5], introduced first by V. Ryazanov, U. Srebro, and E. Yakubov in the plane and later on extended by V. Ryazanov and E. Sevostyanov to the space case, see, e.g., [22], [23] and Chapters 7 and 11 in [19].

Let $E, F \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ be arbitrary sets. Denote by $\Delta(E, F, G)$ a family of all curves $\gamma : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ joining E and F in G , i.e., $\gamma(a) \in E, \gamma(b) \in F$ and $\gamma(t) \in G$ for $t \in (a, b)$. Given a domain G in $\mathbb{R}^n, n \geq 2$, a (Lebesgue) measurable function $Q : G \rightarrow [0, \infty], x_0 \in G$, a homeomorphism $f : G \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ is said to be a *ring Q -homeomorphism at the point x_0* if

$$(9) \quad M_p(f(\Delta(S_1, S_2, A))) \leq \int_A Q(x) \cdot \eta^p(|x - x_0|) \, dm(x)$$

for every ring $A = A(r_1, r_2, x_0) = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : r_1 < |x - x_0| < r_2\}$ and the spheres $S_i = S(x_0, r_i) = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : |x - x_0| = r_i\}$, where $0 < r_1 < r_2 < r_0 := \text{dist}(x_0, \partial D)$, and every measurable function $\eta : (r_1, r_2) \rightarrow [0, \infty]$ such that

$$(10) \quad \int_{r_1}^{r_2} \eta(r) \, dr \geq 1.$$

f is called a *ring Q -homeomorphisms with respect to the p -modulus in the domain G* if f is a ring Q -homeomorphism at every point $x_0 \in G$.

Let $f : G \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n, n \geq 2$ be a quasiconformal mapping. The *angular dilatation* of the mapping $f : G \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ at the point $x \in G$ with respect to $x_0 \in G, x_0 \neq x$ is defined by

$$(11) \quad D_f(x, x_0) = \frac{J(x, f)}{l_f^n(x, x_0)},$$

where

$$l_f(x, x_0) = \min_{|h|=1} \frac{|\partial_h f(x)|}{|\langle h, \frac{x-x_0}{|x-x_0|} \rangle|}.$$

Here $\partial_h f(x)$ denotes the derivative of f at x in the direction h and the minimum is taken over all unit vectors $h \in \mathbb{R}^n$, see [8].

We recall that the estimate of the type (9) was first established in the classical quasiconformal theory in complex plane, see [9]. Next, it was obtained in [8], for quasiconformal mappings in space, $n \geq 2$, that

$$(12) \quad M(f(\Delta(S_1, S_2, A))) \leq \int_A D_f(x, x_0) \cdot \eta^n(|x - x_0|) \, dm(x)$$

for every ring $A = A(x_0, r_1, r_2) = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : r_1 < |x - x_0| < r_2\}$ and the spheres $S_i = S(x_0, r_i) = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : |x - x_0| = r_i\}$, where $0 < r_1 < r_2 < r_0 := \text{dist}(x_0, \partial G)$, and every measurable function $\eta : (r_1, r_2) \rightarrow [0, \infty]$ such that (10) holds.

Note that, in particular, homeomorphisms $f : G \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ in the class $W_{loc}^{1,n}$ with $K_I(x, f) \in L_{loc}^1$ are ring Q -homeomorphisms as well as Q -homeomorphisms with $Q(x) = K_I(x, f)$, see, e.g., Theorem 6.10 and Corollary 4.9 in [16], or Theorem 4.1 in [19].

2. PRELIMINARIES

Here a *condenser* is a pair $E = (A, C)$ where $A \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ is open and C is a non-empty compact set contained in A . E is a *ringlike condenser* if $B = A \setminus C$ is a ring, i.e., if B is a domain whose complement $\overline{\mathbb{R}^n} \setminus B$ has exactly two components where $\overline{\mathbb{R}^n} = \mathbb{R}^n \cup \{\infty\}$ is the one point compactification of \mathbb{R}^n . E is a *bounded condenser* if A is bounded. A condenser $E = (A, C)$ is said to be in a domain G if $A \subset G$.

The following proposition is immediate.

Proposition 1. *If $f : G \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ is open and $E = (A, C)$ is a condenser in G , then (fA, fC) is a condenser in fG .*

In the above situation we denote $fE = (fA, fC)$.

Let $E = (A, C)$ be a condenser. Then $W_0(E) = W_0(A, C)$ denotes the family of non-negative functions $u : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^1$ such that (1) $u \in C_0(A)$, (2) $u(x) \geq 1$ for $x \in C$, and (3) u is *ACL*. We set

$$(13) \quad \text{cap}_p E = \text{cap}(A, C) = \inf_{u \in W_0(E)} \int_A |\nabla u|^p \, dm$$

where

$$|\nabla u| = \left(\sum_{i=1}^n (\partial_i u)^2 \right)^{1/2}$$

and call the quantity (13) the *p-capacity* of the condenser E .

For the next statement, see, e.g., [3], [10] and [25].

Proposition 2. *Suppose $E = (A, C)$ is a condenser such that C is connected. Then*

$$\text{cap}_p E = M_p(\Delta(\partial A, \partial C; A \setminus C)).$$

We give here also the following two useful statements, see Proposition 5 and 6 in [14].

Proposition 3. *Let $E = (A, C)$ be a condenser such that C is connected. Then*

$$\text{cap}_p E \geq \frac{(\inf m_{n-1} \sigma)^p}{[m(A \setminus C)]^{p-1}}$$

where $m_{n-1} \sigma$ denotes the $(n - 1)$ -dimensional area of the C^∞ -manifold σ that is the boundary $\sigma = \partial U$ of open set U containing C and contained along with its closure \overline{U} in A and the infimum is taken over all such σ .

Proposition 4. *Let $E = (A, C)$ be a condenser such that C is connected. Then for $n - 1 < p \leq n$*

$$(\text{cap}_p E)^{n-1} \geq \gamma \frac{d(C)^p}{m(A)^{1-n+p}}$$

where γ is a positive constant that depends only on n and p , $d(A)$ is a diameter and $m(A)$ is the Lebesgue measure of A in \mathbb{R}^n .

3. CHARACTERIZATION OF RING Q -HOMEOMORPHISMS WITH RESPECT TO THE p -MODULUS

The theorems of this section extend the corresponding results in [22], see also Section 7.3 in the monograph [19], from the case of $p = n$ to the case of $p \in (1, n]$. Below we use the standard conventions: $a/\infty = 0$ for $a \neq \infty$ and $a/0 = \infty$ if $a > 0$ and $0 \cdot \infty = 0$, see e.g. [24], p. 6.

Lemma 1. *Let G be a domain in $\mathbb{R}^n, n \geq 2, 1 < p \leq n, Q : G \rightarrow [0, \infty]$ a measurable function and $q_{x_0}(r)$ the mean of $Q(x)$ over the sphere $|x - x_0| = r$. Set*

$$(14) \quad I = I(x_0, r_1, r_2) = \int_{r_1}^{r_2} \frac{dr}{r^{\frac{n-1}{p-1}} q_{x_0}^{\frac{1}{p-1}}(r)}$$

and $S_j = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : |x - x_0| = r_j\}, j = 1, 2$, where $x_0 \in G$ and $0 < r_1 < r_2 < r_0 = \text{dist}(x_0, \partial G)$. Then whenever $f : G \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ is a ring Q -homeomorphism with respect to the p -modulus at a point x_0

$$(15) \quad M_p(\Delta(fS_1, fS_2, fG)) \leq \frac{\omega_{n-1}}{I^{p-1}}$$

where ω_{n-1} is the area of the unit sphere in \mathbb{R}^n .

Proof. With no loss of generality, we may assume that $I \neq 0$ because otherwise (15) is trivial, and that $I \neq \infty$ because otherwise we can replace $Q(x)$ by $Q(x) + \delta$ with arbitrarily small $\delta > 0$ and then take the limit as $\delta \rightarrow 0$ in (15). The condition $I \neq \infty$ implies, in particular, that $q_{x_0}(r) \neq 0$ a.e. in (r_1, r_2) . Set

$$(16) \quad \psi(t) = \begin{cases} 1/[t^{\frac{n-1}{p-1}} q_{x_0}^{\frac{1}{p-1}}(t)], & t \in (r_1, r_2), \\ 0, & t \notin (r_1, r_2). \end{cases}$$

Then

$$(17) \quad \int_A Q(x) \cdot \psi^p(|x - x_0|) dm(x) = \omega_{n-1} I$$

where $A = A(x_0, r_1, r_2)$.

Let Γ be a family of all paths joining the spheres S_1 and S_2 in A . Let also ψ^* be a Borel function such that $\psi^*(t) = \psi(t)$ for a.e. $t \in [0, \infty]$. Such a function ψ^* exists by the Lusin theorem, see, e.g., 2.3.5 in [2] and [24], p. 69. Then the function

$$\rho(x) = \psi^*(|x - x_0|)/I$$

is admissible for Γ and since f is a ring Q -homeomorphisms with respect to the p -modulus we get by (17) that

$$(18) \quad M_p(f\Gamma) \leq \int_A Q(x) \cdot \rho^p(x) dm(x) = \frac{\omega_{n-1}}{I^{p-1}}.$$

and the proof is complete.

The following lemma shows that the estimate (15) cannot be improved for ring Q -homeomorphisms with respect to the p -modulus.

Lemma 2. *Let G be a domain in \mathbb{R}^n , $n \geq 2$, $1 < p \leq n$, $x_0 \in G$, $0 < r_1 < r_2 < r_0 = \text{dist}(x_0, \partial G)$, $A = A(x_0, r_1, r_2) = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : r_1 < |x - x_0| < r_2\}$, $Q : \rightarrow [0, \infty]$ be a measurable function. Set*

$$(19) \quad \eta_0(r) = \frac{1}{I r^{\frac{n-1}{p-1}} q_{x_0}^{\frac{1}{p-1}}(r)}$$

where $q_{x_0}(r)$ is the mean of $Q(x)$ over the sphere $|x - x_0| = r$ and I is given by (14). Then

$$(20) \quad \frac{\omega_{n-1}}{I^{p-1}} = \int_A Q(x) \cdot \eta_0^p(|x - x_0|) \, dm(x) \leq \int_A Q(x) \cdot \eta^p(|x - x_0|) \, dm(x)$$

whenever $\eta : (r_1, r_2) \rightarrow [0, \infty]$ is measurable and

$$(21) \quad \int_{r_1}^{r_2} \eta(r) \, dr = 1.$$

Proof. If $I = \infty$, then the left hand side in (20) is equal to zero and the inequality is obvious. If $I = 0$, then $q_{x_0}(r) = \infty$ for a.e. $r \in (r_1, r_2)$ and the both sides in (20) are equal to ∞ . Hence we may assume below that $0 < I < \infty$. Now, by (19) and (21) $q_{x_0}(r) \neq 0$ and $\eta(r) \neq \infty$ a.e. in (r_1, r_2) . Set $\lambda(r) = r^{\frac{n-1}{p-1}} q_{x_0}^{\frac{1}{p-1}}(r) \eta(r)$ and $w(r) = 1/r^{\frac{n-1}{p-1}} q_{x_0}^{\frac{1}{p-1}}(r)$. Then by the standard conventions $\eta(r) = \lambda(r)w(r)$ a.e. in (r_1, r_2) and

$$(22) \quad C := \int_A Q(x) \cdot \eta^p(|x - x_0|) \, dm(x) = \omega_{n-1} \int_{r_1}^{r_2} \lambda^p(r) \cdot w(r) \, dr.$$

By Jensen's inequality with weights, see, e.g., Theorem 2.6.2 in [20], applied to the convex function $\varphi(t) = t^p$ in the interval $\Omega = (r_1, r_2)$ with the probability measure

$$(23) \quad \nu(E) = \frac{1}{I} \int_E w(r) \, dr$$

we obtain that

$$(24) \quad \left(\int \lambda^p(r) w(r) \, dr \right)^{1/p} \geq \int \lambda(r) w(r) \, dr = \frac{1}{I}$$

where we also applied that $\eta(r) = \lambda(r)w(r)$ satisfies (21).

Thus

$$(25) \quad C \geq \frac{\omega_{n-1}}{I^{p-1}}$$

and the proof of (20) is complete.

Finally, combining Lemmas 1 and 2, we obtain the following statement.

Theorem 1. *Let G be a domain in \mathbb{R}^n , $n \geq 2$, and $Q : G \rightarrow [0, \infty]$ a measurable function. A homeomorphism $f : G \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ is ring Q -homeomorphism with respect to the p -modulus at a point $x_0 \in G$ if and only if for every $0 < r_1 < r_2 < d_0 = \text{dist}(x_0, \partial G)$*

$$(26) \quad M_p(\Delta(fS_1, fS_2 fG)) \leq \frac{\omega_{n-1}}{I^{p-1}}$$

where S_1 and S_2 , $S_1 = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : |x - x_0| = r_1\}$ and $S_2 = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : |x - x_0| = r_2\}$. ω_{n-1} is the area of the unit sphere in \mathbb{R}^n , $I = I(x_0, r_1, r_2) = \int_{r_1}^{r_2} \frac{dr}{r^{\frac{n-1}{p-1}} q_{x_0}^{\frac{1}{p-1}}(r)}$, $q_{x_0}(r)$ is the mean value of Q over the sphere $|x - x_0| = r$.

Note that the infimum from the right hand side in (9) holds for the function

$$(27) \quad \eta_0(r) = \frac{1}{I r^{\frac{n-1}{p-1}} q_{x_0}^{\frac{1}{p-1}}(r)}.$$

Theorem 1 will have many applications in the theory of ring Q -homeomorphisms with respect to the p -modulus, see, e.g., the next section.

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Given a mapping $\varphi : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ and a point $x \in E \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$, set

$$(28) \quad L(x, \varphi) = \limsup_{y \rightarrow x, y \in E} \frac{|\varphi(y) - \varphi(x)|}{|y - x|}$$

and

$$(29) \quad l(x, \varphi) = \liminf_{y \rightarrow x, y \in E} \frac{|\varphi(y) - \varphi(x)|}{|y - x|}$$

Given a set $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$, $n \geq 1$, we say that a mapping $f : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ is called *Lipschitz* if there is number $L > 0$ such that the inequality

$$(30) \quad |f(x) - f(y)| \leq L|x - y|$$

holds for all x and y in A . Given an open set $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$, we say that a mapping $f : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ is *finitely Lipschitz* if $L(x, f) < \infty$ for all $x \in \Omega$.

Lemma 3. *Let G and G' be bounded domains in \mathbb{R}^n , $n \geq 2$, $Q : G \rightarrow [0, \infty]$ be a measurable function and let $f : G \rightarrow G'$ be a ring Q -homeomorphism with respect to p -modulus at a point $x_0 \in G$, $1 < p < n$. Then*

$$(31) \quad m(fB(x_0, r_1)) \leq \frac{c_{n,p}}{I^{\frac{n(p-1)}{n-p}}(x_0, r_1, r_2)}$$

for every $0 < r_1 < r_2 < d_0 = \text{dist}(x_0, \partial G)$ where $I(x_0, r_1, r_2)$ is defined by (14) and $c_{n,p}$ is a positive constant that depends only on n and p .

Proof. Let us consider the condenser $(A_{t+\Delta t}, C_t)$, where $C_t = \overline{B(x_0, t)}$, $A_{t+\Delta t} = B(x_0, t + \Delta t)$. Note that $(fA_{t+\Delta t}, fC_t)$ is a ringlike condenser in \mathbb{R}^n and according to Proposition 2, we have

$$(32) \quad \text{cap}_p(fA_{t+\Delta t}, fC_t) = M_p(\Delta(\partial fA_{t+\Delta t}, \partial fC_t; fR_t)).$$

In view of Proposition 3, we obtain

$$(33) \quad \text{cap}_p(fA_{t+\Delta t}, fC_t) \geq \frac{(\inf m_{n-1} \sigma)^p}{m(fA_{t+\Delta t} \setminus fC_t)^{p-1}},$$

where $m_{n-1} \sigma$ denotes the $(n - 1)$ -dimensional area of a C^∞ -manifold σ that is the boundary of an open set U containing fC_t with its closure \overline{U} in $fA_{t+\Delta t}$ and the infimum is taken over all such σ .

On the other hand, by Lemma 1, we have

$$(34) \quad M_p(\Delta(\partial f A_{t+\Delta t}, \partial f C_t; f R_t)) \leq \frac{\omega_{n-1}}{\left(\int_t^{t+\Delta t} \frac{ds}{s^{\frac{n-1}{p-1}} q_{x_0}^{\frac{1}{p-1}}(s)} \right)^{p-1}}.$$

Combining (32)-(34), we obtain

$$\frac{(\inf m_{n-1} \sigma)^p}{m(f A_{t+\Delta t} \setminus f C_t)^{p-1}} \leq \frac{\omega_{n-1}}{\left(\int_t^{t+\Delta t} \frac{ds}{s^{\frac{n-1}{p-1}} q_{x_0}^{\frac{1}{p-1}}(s)} \right)^{p-1}}.$$

Applying the isoperimetric inequality to the numerator of the fraction on the left-hand side we came to the inequality

$$(35) \quad n \cdot \Omega_n^{\frac{1}{n}} (m(f C_t))^{\frac{n-1}{n}} \leq \omega_{n-1}^{\frac{1}{p}} \left(\frac{m(f A_{t+\Delta t} \setminus f C_t)}{\int_t^{t+\Delta t} \frac{ds}{s^{\frac{n-1}{p-1}} q_{x_0}^{\frac{1}{p-1}}(s)}} \right)^{\frac{p-1}{p}}$$

where Ω_n is the volume of the unit ball in \mathbb{R}^n .

Now, setting $\Phi(t) := m(f B_t)$, we see from (35) that

$$(36) \quad n \cdot \Omega_n^{\frac{1}{n}} \Phi^{\frac{n-1}{n}}(t) \leq \omega_{n-1}^{\frac{1}{p}} \left(\frac{\frac{\Phi(t+\Delta t) - \Phi(t)}{\Delta t}}{\frac{1}{\Delta t} \int_t^{t+\Delta t} \frac{ds}{s^{\frac{n-1}{p-1}} q_{x_0}^{\frac{1}{p-1}}(s)}} \right)^{\frac{p-1}{p}}.$$

Since the function $\Phi(t)$ is nondecreasing, has finite derivative $\Phi'(t)$ for a.e. t . Letting $\Delta t \rightarrow 0$ in (36) and taking into account that $\omega_{n-1} = n\Omega_n$, we obtain

$$(37) \quad \frac{n\Omega_n^{\frac{p-n}{n(p-1)}}}{t^{\frac{n-1}{p-1}} q_{x_0}^{\frac{1}{p-1}}(t)} \leq \frac{\Phi'(t)}{\Phi^{\frac{p-n}{n(p-1)}}(t)}.$$

Integrating (37) under $1 < p < n$ with respect to $t \in [r_1, r_2]$, since

$$\int_{r_1}^{r_2} \frac{\Phi'(t)}{\Phi^{\frac{p-n}{n(p-1)}}(t)} dt \leq \frac{n(p-1)}{p-n} \left(\Phi^{\frac{p-n}{n(p-1)}}(r_2) - \Phi^{\frac{p-n}{n(p-1)}}(r_1) \right),$$

see, e.g., Theorem IV. 7.4 in [24], we observe that

$$(38) \quad \Omega_n^{\frac{p-n}{n(p-1)}} \int_{r_1}^{r_2} \frac{dt}{t^{\frac{n-1}{p-1}} q_{x_0}^{\frac{1}{p-1}}(t)} \leq \frac{p-1}{p-n} \left(\Phi^{\frac{p-n}{n(p-1)}}(r_2) - \Phi^{\frac{p-n}{n(p-1)}}(r_1) \right).$$

From (38) we conclude that

$$\Phi(r_1) \leq \left(\Phi^{\frac{p-n}{n(p-1)}}(r_2) + \Omega_n^{\frac{p-n}{n(p-1)}} \frac{n-p}{p-1} \int_{r_1}^{r_2} \frac{dt}{t^{\frac{n-1}{p-1}} q_{x_0}^{\frac{1}{p-1}}(t)} \right)^{\frac{n(p-1)}{p-n}}$$

and hence

$$\Phi(r_1) \leq \Omega_n \left(\frac{p-1}{n-p} \right)^{\frac{n(p-1)}{n-p}} \left(\int_{r_1}^{r_2} \frac{dt}{t^{\frac{n-1}{p-1}} q_{x_0}^{\frac{1}{p-1}}(t)} \right)^{-\frac{n(p-1)}{n-p}}.$$

Combining Lemmas 2 and 3, we have the following statement.

Lemma 4. *Let G and G' be bounded domains in \mathbb{R}^n , $n \geq 2$, $Q : G \rightarrow [0, \infty]$ be a measurable function and let $f : G \rightarrow G'$ be a ring Q -homeomorphism with respect to the p -modulus. Then for $1 < p < n$*

$$(39) \quad m(fB(x_0, r_1)) \leq c'_{n,p} \left[\int_{A(x_0, r_1, r_2)} Q(x) \eta^p(|x - x_0|) dm(x) \right]^{\frac{n}{n-p}}.$$

for every ring $A = A(x_0, r_1, r_2)$, $0 < r_1 < r_2 < d_0 = \text{dist}(x_0, \partial G)$ and for every measurable function $\eta : (r_1, r_2) \rightarrow [0, \infty]$, such that

$$(40) \quad \int_{r_1}^{r_2} \eta(r) dr \geq 1.$$

where $c'_{n,p}$ is a positive constant that depends only on n and p .

Theorem 2. *Let G and G' be domains in \mathbb{R}^n , $n \geq 2$, and $Q : G \rightarrow [0, \infty]$ be a measurable function such that*

$$(41) \quad Q_0 = \overline{\lim}_{r \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\Omega_n \varepsilon^n} \int_{B(x_0, \varepsilon)} Q(x) dm(x) < \infty.$$

Then for every ring Q -homeomorphism $f : G \rightarrow G'$ with respect to the p -modulus, $n - 1 < p < n$,

$$(42) \quad L(x_0, f) = \limsup_{x \rightarrow x_0} \frac{|f(x) - f(x_0)|}{|x - x_0|} \leq \lambda_{n,p} Q_0^{\frac{1}{n-p}}$$

where $\lambda_{n,p}$ is a positive constant that depends only on n and p .

The Theorem 2 under $Q(x) = \text{const}$ was obtained by Gehring in [4] see Theorem 3, p. 189.

Proof. Let us consider the spherical ring $A(x_0, \varepsilon, 2\varepsilon) = \{x : \varepsilon < |x - x_0| < 2\varepsilon\}$, $x \in G$, $\varepsilon > 0$ such that $A(x_0, \varepsilon, 2\varepsilon) \subset G$. Since $(fB(x_0, 2\varepsilon), \overline{fB(x_0, \varepsilon)}) = (fB(x_0, 2\varepsilon), \overline{fB(x_0, \varepsilon)})$ are ringlike condensers in G' and, according to Proposition 2, we obtain

$$\text{cap}_p(fB(x_0, 2\varepsilon), \overline{fB(x_0, \varepsilon)}) = M_p(\Delta(\partial fB(x_0, 2\varepsilon), \partial fB(x_0, \varepsilon); fA(x_0, \varepsilon, 2\varepsilon))).$$

Note that, in view of the homeomorphism of f ,

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta(\partial fB(x_0, 2\varepsilon), \partial fB(x_0, \varepsilon); fA(x_0, \varepsilon, 2\varepsilon)) = \\ f(\Delta(\partial B(x_0, 2\varepsilon), \partial B(x_0, \varepsilon); A(x_0, \varepsilon, 2\varepsilon))). \end{aligned}$$

By Proposition 4

$$(43) \quad \text{cap}_p (fB(x_0, 2\varepsilon), \overline{fB(x_0, \varepsilon)}) \geq \left(\gamma \frac{d^p(fB(x_0, \varepsilon))}{m^{1-n+p}(fB(x_0, 2\varepsilon))} \right)^{\frac{1}{n-1}}$$

where γ is a positive constant that depends only on n and p , $d(A)$ is the diameter and $m(A)$ is the Lebesgue measure of A in \mathbb{R}^n .

By the definition of ring Q -homeomorphisms with respect to the p -modulus

$$(44) \quad \text{cap}_p (fB(x_0, 2\varepsilon), \overline{fB(x_0, \varepsilon)}) \leq \frac{1}{\varepsilon^p} \int_{A(x_0, \varepsilon, 2\varepsilon)} Q(x) \, dm(x)$$

because the function

$$\eta(t) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\varepsilon}, & \text{if } t \in (\varepsilon, 2\varepsilon), \\ 0, & \text{if } t \in \mathbb{R} \setminus (\varepsilon, 2\varepsilon) \end{cases}$$

satisfies (10) for $r_1 = \varepsilon$ and $r_2 = 2\varepsilon$.

Next, the function

$$\tilde{\eta}(t) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2\varepsilon}, & \text{if } t \in (2\varepsilon, 4\varepsilon) \\ 0, & \text{if } t \in \mathbb{R} \setminus (2\varepsilon, 4\varepsilon), \end{cases}$$

satisfies (10) for $r_1 = 2\varepsilon$ and $r_2 = 4\varepsilon$ and hence by Lemma 4 we have the following estimates:

$$(45) \quad m(fB(x_0, 2\varepsilon)) \leq c''_{n,p} \varepsilon^n \left[\frac{1}{m(B(x_0, 4\varepsilon))} \int_{B(x_0, 4\varepsilon)} Q(x) \, dm(x) \right]^{\frac{n}{n-p}},$$

where $c''_{n,p}$ is a positive constant that depends only on n and p .

Combining (45), (44) and (43), we obtain

$$\frac{d(fB(x_0, \varepsilon))}{\varepsilon} \leq \lambda_{n,p} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{m(B(x_0, 4\varepsilon))} \int_{B(x_0, 4\varepsilon)} Q(y) \, dy \right)^{\frac{n(1-n+p)}{p(n-p)}} \left[\frac{1}{m(B(x_0, 2\varepsilon))} \int_{B(x_0, 2\varepsilon)} Q(x) \, dm(x) \right]^{\frac{n-1}{p}}$$

and hence

$$L(x_0, f) = \limsup_{x \rightarrow x_0} \frac{|f(x) - f(x_0)|}{|x - x_0|} \leq \limsup_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{d(fB(x_0, \varepsilon))}{\varepsilon} \leq \lambda_{n,p} Q_0^{\frac{1}{n-p}},$$

where $\lambda_{n,p}$ is a positive constant that depends only on n and p .

Corollary 1. *Let G and G' be domains in \mathbb{R}^n , $n \geq 2$, $f : G \rightarrow G'$ be a ring Q -homeomorphism with respect to the p -modulus, $n - 1 < p < n$, such that*

$$(46) \quad \overline{\lim}_{r \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\Omega_n \varepsilon^n} \int_{B(x_0, \varepsilon)} Q(x) \, dm(x) < \infty \quad \forall x_0 \in G.$$

Then f is finitely Lipschitz.

Note that the theory of ring Q -homeomorphisms with respect to p -modulus can be applied to mappings in the Orlich-Sobolev classes $W_{loc}^{1,\varphi}$ with a Calderon type condition on φ and, in particular, to the Sobolev classes $W_{loc}^{1,p}$ for $p > n - 1$, cf. [13].

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