

## New modulus estimates in Orlicz-Sobolev classes

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**Abstract** - Under a condition of the Calderon type on  $\varphi$ , we show that a homeomorphism  $f$  of finite distortion in  $W_{\text{loc}}^{1,\varphi}$  and, in particular,  $f \in W_{\text{loc}}^{1,p}$  for  $p > n - 1$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $n \geq 3$ , is a lower  $Q$ -homeomorphisms with  $Q(x) = [K_I(x, f)]^{\frac{1}{n-1}}$  and a ring  $Q$ -homeomorphism with  $Q(x) = K_I(x, f)$  where  $K_I(x, f)$  is its inner dilatation. Similar statements are valid also for finitely bi-Lipschitz mappings that a far-reaching extension of the well-known classes of isometric and quasiisometric mappings. This makes possible to apply our theories on the local and boundary behavior for the lower and ring  $Q$ -homeomorphisms to all given classes.

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### 1. Introduction

It is well-known that the concept of moduli with weights essentially due to Andreian Cazacu, see, e.g., [1]–[3], see also recent works [4]–[6] of her learner. Here we give new modulus estimates for space mappings that essentially improve the corresponding estimates in our last paper [12]. Since this note is short, we refer readers for definitions, history and explanations either to it or in addition to papers [8]–[11] and [16] and monographs [13] and [14]. Many applications will be published elsewhere.

### 2. Lower $Q$ -homeomorphisms and Orlicz-Sobolev classes

Given a mapping  $f : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  with partial derivatives a.e., recall that  $f'(x)$  denotes the Jacobian matrix of  $f$  at  $x \in D$  if it exists,  $J(x) = J(x, f) = \det f'(x)$  is the Jacobian of  $f$  at  $x$ , and  $\|f'(x)\|$  is the operator norm of  $f'(x)$ , i.e.,

$$\|f'(x)\| = \max\{|f'(x)h| : h \in \mathbb{R}^n, |h| = 1\}. \quad (2.1)$$

We also let

$$l(f'(x)) = \min\{|f'(x)h| : h \in \mathbb{R}^n, |h| = 1\}. \quad (2.2)$$

The **outer dilatation** of  $f$  at  $x$  is defined by

$$K_O(x) = K_O(x, f) = \begin{cases} \frac{\|f'(x)\|^n}{|J(x, f)|} & \text{if } J(x, f) \neq 0, \\ 1 & \text{if } f'(x) = 0, \\ \infty & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases} \quad (2.3)$$

the **inner dilatation** of  $f$  at  $x$  by

$$K_I(x) = K_I(x, f) = \begin{cases} \frac{|J(x, f)|}{l(f'(x))^n} & \text{if } J(x, f) \neq 0, \\ 1 & \text{if } f'(x) = 0, \\ \infty & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases} \quad (2.4)$$

Note that, see, e.g., Section 1.2.1 in [15],

$$K_O(x, f) \leq K_I^{n-1}(x, f) \quad \text{and} \quad K_I(x, f) \leq K_O^{n-1}(x, f), \quad (2.5)$$

in particular,  $K_O(x, f) < \infty$  a.e. if and only if  $K_I(x, f) < \infty$  a.e. The latter is equivalent to the condition that a.e. either  $\det f'(x) > 0$  or  $f'(x) = 0$ .

Recall that a homeomorphism  $f$  between domains  $D$  and  $D'$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $n \geq 2$ , is called of **finite distortion** if  $f \in W_{\text{loc}}^{1,1}$  and

$$\|f'(x)\|^n \leq K(x) \cdot J_f(x) \quad (2.6)$$

for some a.e. finite function  $K$ . The term is due to Tadeusz Iwaniec. In other words, (2.6) just means that dilatations  $K_O(x, f)$  and  $K_I(x, f)$  are finite a.e.

In view of (2.5), the next statement says on a stronger modulus estimate than the obtained in [12], Theorem 4.1, in terms of the outer dilatation  $K_O(x, f)$ .

**Theorem 2.1.** *Let  $D$  and  $D'$  be domains in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $n \geq 3$ , and let  $\varphi : \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  be a nondecreasing function such that, for some  $t_* \in \mathbb{R}^+$ ,*

$$\int_{t_*}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{t}{\varphi(t)} \right]^{\frac{1}{n-2}} dt < \infty. \quad (2.7)$$

*Then each homeomorphism  $f : D \rightarrow D'$  of finite distortion in the class  $W_{\text{loc}}^{1,\varphi}$  is a lower  $Q$ -homeomorphism at every point  $x_0 \in \overline{D}$  with  $Q(x) = [K_I(x, f)]^{\frac{1}{n-1}}$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $B$  be a (Borel) set of all points  $x \in D$  where  $f$  has a total differential  $f'(x)$  and  $J_f(x) \neq 0$ . Then, applying Kirszbraun's theorem and uniqueness of approximate differential, see, e.g., 2.10.43 and 3.1.2 in [7], we see that  $B$  is the union of a countable collection of Borel sets  $B_l$ ,  $l = 1, 2, \dots$ , such that  $f_l = f|_{B_l}$  are bi-Lipschitz homeomorphisms, see, e.g., 3.2.2 as well as 3.1.4 and 3.1.8 in [7]. With no loss of generality, we may assume that the  $B_l$  are mutually disjoint. Denote also by  $B_*$  the rest of all points  $x \in D$  where  $f$  has the total differential but with  $f'(x) = 0$ .

By the construction the set  $B_0 := D \setminus (B \cup B_*)$  has Lebesgue measure zero, see Theorem 1 in [11]. Hence  $\mathcal{A}_S(B_0) = 0$  for a.e. hypersurface  $S$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and, in particular, for a.e. sphere  $S_r := S(x_0, r)$  centered at a prescribed point  $x_0 \in \overline{D}$ , see Theorem 2.11 in [9] or Theorem 9.1 in [14]. Thus, by Corollary 4 in [11]  $\mathcal{A}_{S_r^*}(f(B_0)) = 0$  as well as  $\mathcal{A}_{S_r^*}(f(B_*)) = 0$  for a.e.  $S_r$  where  $S_r^* = f(S_r)$ .

Let  $\Gamma$  be the family of all intersections of the spheres  $S_r$ ,  $r \in (\varepsilon, \varepsilon_0)$ ,  $\varepsilon_0 < d_0 = \sup_{x \in D} |x - x_0|$ , with the domain  $D$ . Given  $\varrho_* \in \text{adm } f(\Gamma)$  such that  $\varrho_* \equiv 0$  outside of  $f(D)$ , set  $\varrho \equiv 0$  outside of  $D$  and on  $D \setminus B$  and, moreover,

$$\varrho(x) := \Lambda(x) \cdot \varrho_*(f(x)) \quad \text{for } x \in B$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \Lambda(x) &= \left[ J_f(x) \cdot K_I^{\frac{1}{n-1}}(x, f) \right]^{\frac{1}{n}} = \left[ \frac{\det f'(x)}{l(f'(x))} \right]^{\frac{1}{n-1}} = \\ &= [\lambda_2 \cdot \dots \cdot \lambda_n]^{\frac{1}{n-1}} \geq [J_{n-1}(x)]^{\frac{1}{n-1}} \quad \text{for a.e. } x \in B ; \end{aligned}$$

here as usual  $\lambda_n \geq \dots \geq \lambda_1$  are principal dilatation coefficients of  $f'(x)$ , see, e.g., Section I.4.1 in [15], and  $J_{n-1}(x)$  is the  $(n - 1)$ -dimensional Jacobian of  $f|_{S_r}$  at  $x$  where  $r = |x - x_0|$ , see Section 3.2.1 in [7].

Arguing piecewise on  $B_l$ ,  $l = 1, 2, \dots$ , and taking into account Kirszbraun's theorem, by Theorem 3.2.5 on the change of variables in [7], we have that

$$\int_{S_r} \varrho^{n-1} d\mathcal{A} \geq \int_{S_r^*} \varrho_*^{n-1} d\mathcal{A} \geq 1$$

for a.e.  $S_r$  and, thus,  $\varrho \in \text{ext adm } \Gamma$ .

The change of variables on each  $B_l$ ,  $l = 1, 2, \dots$ , see again Theorem 3.2.5 in [7], and countable additivity of integrals give also the estimate

$$\int_D \frac{\varrho^n(x)}{K_I^{\frac{1}{n-1}}(x)} dm(x) \leq \int_{f(D)} \varrho_*^n(x) dm(x)$$

and the proof is complete. □

**Corollary 2.1.** *Each homeomorphism  $f$  with finite distortion in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $n \geq 3$ , of the class  $W_{\text{loc}}^{1,p}$  for  $p > n - 1$  is a lower  $Q$ -homeomorphism at every point  $x_0 \in \overline{D}$  with  $Q = K_I^{\frac{1}{n-1}}$ .*

Moreover, by Corollary 5 in [11] on a connection between lower and ring  $Q$ -homeomorphisms, we also obtain the following consequence of Theorem 2.1.

**Theorem 2.2.** *Let  $f : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $n \geq 3$ , be a homeomorphism with  $K_I \in L_{\text{loc}}^1$  in  $W_{\text{loc}}^{1,\varphi}$  where  $\varphi : \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  is a nondecreasing function with condition (2.7). Then  $f$  is a ring  $Q$ -homeomorphism at every point  $x_0 \in \overline{D}$  with  $Q = K_I$ .*

In view of (2.5), the latter statement says on a stronger modulus estimate than the obtained in [11], Corollary 9, in terms of the outer dilatation  $K_O$ .

**Remark 2.1.** By Remark 8 in [11] the conclusion of Theorem 2.2 is valid if  $K_I$  is integrable only on almost all spheres of small enough radii centered at  $x_0$  assuming that the function  $K_I$  is extended by zero outside of  $D$ .

### 3. On finitely bi-Lipschitz mappings

Given an open set  $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $n \geq 2$ , following Section 5 in [9], see also Section 10.6 in [14], we say that a mapping  $f : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  is **finitely bi-Lipschitz** if

$$0 < l(x, f) \leq L(x, f) < \infty \quad \forall x \in \Omega \quad (3.1)$$

where

$$L(x, f) = \limsup_{y \rightarrow x} \frac{|f(y) - f(x)|}{|y - x|} \quad (3.2)$$

and

$$l(x, f) = \liminf_{y \rightarrow x} \frac{|f(y) - f(x)|}{|y - x|}. \quad (3.3)$$

By the classic Rademacher–Stepanov theorem, we obtain from the right hand inequality in (3.1) that finitely bi-Lipschitz mappings are differentiable a.e. and from the left hand inequality in (3.1) that  $J_f(x) \neq 0$  a.e. Moreover, such mappings have  $(N)$ -property with respect to each Hausdorff measure, see, e.g., either Lemma 5.3 in [9] or Lemma 10.6 [14]. Thus, the proof of the following theorems is perfectly similar to one of Theorem 2.1 and hence we omit it, cf. also similar but weaker Corollary 5.15 in [9] and Corollary 10.10 in [14] formulated in terms of the outer dilatation  $K_O$ .

**Theorem 3.1.** *Every finitely bi-Lipschitz homeomorphism  $f : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $n \geq 2$ , is a lower  $Q$ -homeomorphism with  $Q = K_I^{\frac{1}{n-1}}$ .*

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