

# On the asymptotic behavior at infinity of one mapping class

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*Dedicated to the memory of Professor Oleksandr Bakhtin*

**Abstract.** We study the asymptotic behavior at infinity of ring  $Q$ -homeomorphisms with respect to  $p$ -modulus for  $p > n$ .

**Анотація.** Ми досліджуємо асимптотичну поведінку на нескінченності кільцевих  $Q$ -гомеоморфізмів відносно  $p$ -модуля для  $p > n$ .

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Let us recall some definitions, see [36]. Let  $\Gamma$  be a path family in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $n \geq 2$ . A Borel function  $\rho: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow [0, \infty]$  is called *admissible* for  $\Gamma$ , (abbr.  $\rho \in \text{adm}\Gamma$ ), if

$$\int_{\gamma} \rho(x) ds \geq 1$$

for all locally rectifiable  $\gamma \in \Gamma$ .

Let  $p \in (1, \infty)$ . Recall also that the  $p$ -modulus of  $\Gamma$  is the quantity

$$M_p(\Gamma) = \inf_{\rho \in \text{adm}\Gamma} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \rho^p(x) dm(x),$$

where  $dm(x)$  corresponds to the Lebesgue measure in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

Let  $D$  be a domain in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $n \geq 2$ ,  $x_0 \in D$  and  $d_0 = \text{dist}(x_0, \partial D)$ . For arbitrary sets  $E$ ,  $F$  and  $G$  of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  we denote by  $\Delta(E, F, G)$  a set of all

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continuous curves  $\gamma: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  that connect  $E$  and  $F$  in  $G$ , i.e., such that  $\gamma(a) \in E$ ,  $\gamma(b) \in F$  and  $\gamma(t) \in G$  for  $a < t < b$ . Set

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{A}(x_0, r_1, r_2) &= \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : r_1 < |x - x_0| < r_2\}, \\ S_i &= S(x_0, r_i) = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : |x - x_0| = r_i\}, \quad i = 1, 2. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $Q: D \rightarrow [0, \infty]$  be a measurable function. Recall that a homeomorphism  $f: D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  is said to be a  $Q$ -homeomorphism with respect to  $p$ -modulus if

$$M_p(f\Gamma) \leq \int_D Q(x) \rho^p(x) \, dm(x) \quad (1.1)$$

for every family  $\Gamma$  of paths in  $D$  and every admissible function  $\rho$  for  $\Gamma$ .

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 for  $p = 2$  in  $\mathbb{C}$ , (see [1, Definition A, p. 21-22]) and for  $p = n$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $n \geq 2$ , ([36, 13.1 & 34.6]);
- $f$  has local Lipschitz property, for  $n - 1 < p < n$ ,  $f^{-1}$  is Lipschitz, for  $p > n$ , and the bounds for  $p$  are sharp (see [5]).

Note that the estimate of the type (1.1) was first established in the classical quasiconformal theory, (see [13, p. 221]). Further, it was obtained in [2, Lemma 2.1], for quasiconformal mappings in space  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $n \geq 2$ . 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 clarify 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 [17, 18] and then in the case of  $Q \in FMO$  (finite mean oscillation) and other cases in the papers [9, 10, 21, 24].

The following concept generalizes and localizes the concept of a  $Q$ -homeomorphism. It is motivated by the ring definition of quasiconformal mappings in the sense of Gehring (see [4]), introduced originally by Ryazanov, Srebro, and Yakubov on the plane, and later extended by Ryazanov and Sevost'yanov in the space  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $n \geq 2$ , (see [22], [19, Chapters VII and XI]).

Let  $Q: D \rightarrow [0, \infty]$  be Lebesgue measurable function. We say that a homeomorphism  $f: D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  is a ring  $Q$ -homeomorphism with respect to  $p$ -modulus at  $x_0 \in D$  if the relation

$$M_p(\Delta(fS_1, fS_2, fD)) \leq \int_A Q(x) \eta^p(|x - x_0|) dm(x)$$

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

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

The theory of ring  $Q$ -homeomorphisms for  $p = n$  was studied in [19, 22, 23, 34], for  $1 < p < n$  in [6–8, 25–27] and for  $p > n$  in [11, 28–33]. This theory can be applied to the mappings of finite distortion belonging to the Orlicz–Sobolev classes  $W_{\text{loc}}^{1,\varphi}$  under the Calderon condition, and, in particular, to the Sobolev classes  $W_{\text{loc}}^{1,p}$  with  $p > n - 1$ , (see [8, 12]).

In this paper, we obtain an analogue of Martio-Rickman-Vaisal’s theorem on the growth at infinity of quasi-regular mappings (see [15]). The case  $p = n$  was studied in [34].

Denote by  $\omega_{n-1}$  the area of the unit sphere  $\mathbb{S}^{n-1} = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : |x| = 1\}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and by

$$q_{x_0}(r) = \frac{1}{\omega_{n-1} r^{n-1}} \int_{S(x_0, r)} Q(x) d\mathcal{A}$$

the integral mean over the sphere  $S(x_0, r) = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : |x - x_0| = r\}$ , here  $d\mathcal{A}$  is the element of the surface area.

Now we formulate a criterion which guarantees that a homeomorphism is a ring  $Q$ -homeomorphism with respect to  $p$ -modulus for  $p > 1$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $n \geq 2$ .

**Proposition 1.1.** [26, Theorem 2.3] *Let  $D$  be a domain in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $n \geq 2$ , and  $Q: D \rightarrow [0, \infty]$  be a Lebesgue measurable function such that  $q_{x_0}(r) \neq \infty$  for a.e.  $r \in (0, d_0)$ ,  $d_0 = \text{dist}(x_0, \partial D)$ . A homeomorphism  $f: D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  is a ring  $Q$ -homeomorphism with respect to  $p$ -modulus at a point  $x_0 \in D$  if and only if the inequality*

$$M_p(\Delta(fS_1, fS_2, f\mathbb{A})) \leq \frac{\omega_{n-1}}{\left( \int_{r_1}^{r_2} \frac{dr}{r^{\frac{n-1}{p-1}} q_{x_0}^{\frac{1}{p-1}}(r)} \right)^{p-1}}$$

holds for any  $0 < r_1 < r_2 < d_0$ .

Following [14], a pair  $\mathcal{E} = (A, C)$ , where  $A \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  is an open set and  $C$  is a nonempty compact set contained in  $A$ , is called *condenser*. We say that a condenser  $\mathcal{E} = (A, C)$  lies in a domain  $D$  if  $A \subset D$ .

Clearly, if  $f: D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  is a homeomorphism and  $\mathcal{E} = (A, C)$  is a condenser in  $D$  then  $(f(A), f(C))$  is also condenser in  $f(D)$ . Further, we denote  $f(\mathcal{E}) = (f(A), f(C))$ .

We will recall also the notion of the  $p$ -capacity. Given a condenser

$$\mathcal{E} = (A, C)$$

denote by  $\mathcal{C}_0(A)$  the set of all continuous functions  $u: A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^1$  with compact support. Let also  $\mathcal{W}_0(\mathcal{E}) = \mathcal{W}_0(A, C)$  be the family of nonnegative functions  $u: A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^1$  such that

$$(1) \quad u \in \mathcal{C}_0(A),$$

$$(2) \quad u(x) \geq 1 \text{ for } x \in C,$$

$$(3) \quad u \text{ belongs to the class ACL and } |\nabla u| = \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} \right)^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

Then for  $p \geq 1$  the quantity

$$\text{cap}_p \mathcal{E} = \text{cap}_p(A, C) = \inf_{u \in \mathcal{W}_0(\mathcal{E})} \int_A |\nabla u|^p dm(x)$$

is called the  $p$ -capacity of the condenser  $\mathcal{E}$ .

It is known ([35, Theorem 1]) that for  $p > 1$

$$\text{cap}_p \mathcal{E} = M_p(\Delta(\partial A, \partial C, A \setminus C)). \quad (1.2)$$

Also for  $p > n$  we have the another inequality

$$\text{cap}_p(A, C) \geq n \Omega_n^{\frac{p}{n}} \left( \frac{p-n}{p-1} \right)^{p-1} \left[ m^{\frac{p-n}{n(p-1)}}(A) - m^{\frac{p-n}{n(p-1)}}(C) \right]^{1-p}, \quad (1.3)$$

where  $\Omega_n$  is a volume of the unit ball in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  (see, e.g., (8.7) in [20]).

Let us recall the so-called isodiametric inequality or Bieberbach inequality (1915), see [3, Corollary 2.10.33]. Here and in what follows,  $\text{diam}(\cdot)$  denotes the Euclidean diameter in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $n \geq 2$ .

**Proposition 1.2.** *Let  $E$  be a compact set in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $n \geq 2$ . Then*

$$m(E) \leq 2^{-n} \Omega_n (\text{diam} E)^n,$$

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

## 2. MAIN RESULTS

Now we present the main result of our paper concerning the behavior at infinity of ring  $Q$ -homeomorphisms with respect to  $p$ -modulus for  $p > n$ .

**Theorem 2.1.** *Let  $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  be a ring  $Q$ -homeomorphism with respect to  $p$ -modulus at a point  $x_0$  with  $p > n$ , where  $x_0$  is some point in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Suppose that for some numbers  $r_0 > 1$  and  $\kappa = \kappa(x_0) > 0$  the following condition*

$$q_{x_0}(t) \leq \kappa t^{p-n} (\ln t)^\alpha \quad (2.1)$$

holds for a.e.  $t \in [r_0, +\infty)$ . If  $\alpha \in [0, p-1)$ , then

$$\liminf_{R \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\text{diam} f(B(x_0, R))}{(\ln R)^{\frac{p-\alpha-1}{p-n}}} \geq 2\kappa^{\frac{1}{n-p}} \left( \frac{p-n}{p-\alpha-1} \right)^{\frac{p-1}{p-n}} > 0.$$

If  $\alpha = p-1$ , then

$$\liminf_{R \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\text{diam} f(B(x_0, R))}{(\ln \ln R)^{\frac{p-1}{p-n}}} \geq 2\kappa^{\frac{1}{n-p}} \left( \frac{p-n}{p-1} \right)^{\frac{p-1}{p-n}} > 0,$$

where  $B(x_0, R) = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : |x - x_0| \leq R\}$ .

**Proof.** Consider a condenser  $\mathcal{E} = (A, C)$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , where

$$\begin{aligned} A &= \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : |x - x_0| < R\}, \\ C &= \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : |x - x_0| \leq r_0\}, \end{aligned}$$

and  $1 < r_0 < R < \infty$ . Then  $f(\mathcal{E}) = (f(A), f(C))$  is a ringlike condenser in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and by (1.2), we have the equality

$$\text{cap}_p f(\mathcal{E}) = M_p \left( \Delta(\partial f(A), \partial f(C), f(A \setminus C)) \right).$$

Then due to (1.3) we have that

$$\text{cap}_p(f(A), f(C)) \geq n\Omega_n^{\frac{p}{n}} \left( \frac{p-n}{p-1} \right)^{p-1} \left[ m^{\frac{p-n}{n(p-1)}}(f(A)) - m^{\frac{p-n}{n(p-1)}}(f(C)) \right]^{1-p},$$

whence

$$\text{cap}_p(f(A), f(C)) \geq n\Omega_n^{\frac{p}{n}} \left( \frac{p-n}{p-1} \right)^{p-1} [m(f(A))]^{\frac{n-p}{n}}. \quad (2.2)$$

On the other hand, by Proposition 1.1, one gets

$$\text{cap}_p(f(A), f(C)) \leq \frac{\omega_{n-1}}{\left( \int_{r_0}^R \frac{dt}{t^{\frac{n-1}{p-1}} q_{x_0}^{\frac{1}{p-1}}(t)} \right)^{p-1}}. \quad (2.3)$$

Combining the inequalities (2.2) and (2.3), we obtain

$$n\Omega_n^{\frac{p}{n}} \left( \frac{p-n}{p-1} \right)^{p-1} [m(f(A))]^{\frac{n-p}{n}} \leq \frac{\omega_{n-1}}{\left( \int_{r_0}^R \frac{dt}{t^{\frac{n-1}{p-1}} q_{x_0}^{\frac{1}{p-1}}(t)} \right)^{p-1}}.$$

Now, due to  $\omega_{n-1} = n\Omega_n$ , the last inequality can be rewritten as follows:

$$\Omega_n^{\frac{p}{n}-1} \left( \frac{p-n}{p-1} \right)^{p-1} [m(f(A))]^{\frac{n-p}{n}} \leq \left( \int_{r_0}^R \frac{dt}{t^{\frac{n-1}{p-1}} q_{x_0}^{\frac{1}{p-1}}(t)} \right)^{1-p}. \quad (2.4)$$

Consider the case when  $\alpha \in [0, p-1)$ . Then the following estimate follows from the condition (2.1):

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega_n^{\frac{p-1}{n}} \left( \frac{p-n}{p-1} \right)^{p-1} [m(f(A))]^{\frac{n-p}{n}} &\leq \\ &\leq \kappa \left( \frac{p-\alpha-1}{p-1} \right)^{p-1} \left( (\ln R)^{\frac{p-\alpha-1}{p-1}} - (\ln r_0)^{\frac{p-\alpha-1}{p-1}} \right)^{1-p}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} m(f(A)) &\geq \\ &\geq \Omega_n \kappa^{\frac{n}{n-p}} \left( \frac{p-n}{p-\alpha-1} \right)^{\frac{n(p-1)}{p-n}} \left( (\ln R)^{\frac{p-\alpha-1}{p-1}} - (\ln r_0)^{\frac{p-\alpha-1}{p-1}} \right)^{\frac{n(p-1)}{p-n}}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, by Proposition 1.2, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \text{diam} f(B(x_0, R)) &\geq \\ &\geq 2\kappa^{\frac{1}{n-p}} \left( \frac{p-n}{p-\alpha-1} \right)^{\frac{p-1}{p-n}} \left( (\ln R)^{\frac{p-\alpha-1}{p-1}} - (\ln r_0)^{\frac{p-\alpha-1}{p-1}} \right)^{\frac{p-1}{p-n}}. \end{aligned}$$

Dividing the last inequality by  $(\ln R)^{\frac{p-\alpha-1}{p-n}}$  and taking the lower limit for  $R \rightarrow \infty$ , we conclude

$$\liminf_{R \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\text{diam} f(B(x_0, R))}{(\ln R)^{\frac{p-\alpha-1}{p-n}}} \geq 2\kappa^{\frac{1}{n-p}} \left( \frac{p-n}{p-\alpha-1} \right)^{\frac{p-1}{p-n}}.$$

Now we consider the case when  $\alpha = p-1$ . Then it follows from (2.4) that

$$\Omega_n^{\frac{p-1}{n}} \left( \frac{p-n}{p-1} \right)^{p-1} [m(f(A))]^{\frac{n-p}{n}} \leq \kappa \left( \ln \frac{\ln R}{\ln r_0} \right)^{1-p}.$$

Therefore,

$$m(f(B(x_0, R))) \geq \Omega_n \kappa^{\frac{n}{n-p}} \left( \frac{p-n}{p-1} \right)^{\frac{n(p-1)}{p-n}} \left( \ln \frac{\ln R}{\ln r_0} \right)^{\frac{n(p-1)}{p-n}}.$$

Hence, by Proposition 1.2, we obtain

$$\text{diam} f(B(x_0, R)) \geq 2\kappa^{\frac{1}{n-p}} \left( \frac{p-n}{p-1} \right)^{\frac{p-1}{p-n}} \left( \ln \frac{\ln R}{\ln r_0} \right)^{\frac{p-1}{p-n}}.$$

Finally, dividing the last inequality by  $(\ln \ln R)^{\frac{p-1}{p-n}}$  and taking the lower limit for  $R \rightarrow \infty$ , we conclude

$$\liminf_{R \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\text{diam} f(B(x_0, R))}{(\ln \ln R)^{\frac{p-1}{p-n}}} \geq 2\kappa^{\frac{1}{n-p}} \left( \frac{p-n}{p-1} \right)^{\frac{p-1}{p-n}}.$$

This completes the proof.  $\square$

**Remark 2.2.** It is easy to construct examples of ring  $Q$ -homeomorphisms with respect to  $p$ -modulus on which the obtained estimates are attained.

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