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According to the above discuss, we conclude that there exists constant  $M > 0$  satisfying  $|f(x_j) - f(y_j)| / |x_j - y_j|^a \leq M$  for sufficient large  $j$ , this contradicts with  $|f(x_j) - f(y_j)| / |x_j - y_j|^a \rightarrow \infty$ . Thus  $f \in Lip_a(D)$ .

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# Quasiconformal Mappings and Hölder Continuity\*

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**Abstract** Let  $f$  be a  $K$ -quasiconformal mapping which maps  $D \subset R^n$  onto bounded  $M$ -QED domain  $D' \subset R^n$ ,  $0 < \alpha \leq (KM)^{1/1-n}$ . In this paper, the authors proved that  $f \in Lip_\alpha(\partial D)$  if and only if  $f \in Lip_\alpha(D)$ .

**Key words**  $K$ -quasiconformal mappings, module,  $M$ -QED domain, Hölder continuity

## 1 Introduction

In this paper, we shall adopt the standary notation  $f \in Lip_\alpha(A)$  and definition  $M$ -QED domain in [1].

F. W. Gehring, W. K. Hayman and A. Hinnkanen established the following theorem in [2]:

**THEOREM A** Suppose that  $D, D'$  are Jordan domains in  $\bar{R}^2$ ,  $f$  is a conformal mapping which maps  $D$  onto  $D'$ ,  $0 < \alpha \leq 1$ , If  $f \in Lip_\alpha(\partial D)$ , then  $f \in Lip_\alpha(D)$ .

In this paper, we shall extend the above result to quasiconformal mapping and obtain the following result:

**THEOREM 1** Suppose that  $D \subset R^n$  is a domain,  $D' \subset R^n$  is a bounded  $M$ -QED domain,  $f$  is a  $K$ -quasiconformal mapping which maps  $D$  onto  $D'$ ,  $0 < \alpha \leq (KM)^{1/1-n}$ , If  $f \in Lip_\alpha(\partial D)$ , then  $f \in Lip_\alpha(D)$ .

## 2 Preliminary knowledge

we shall adopt the relatively standary notation and terminology of [3]. Unit vectors in the directions of the rectangular coordinate axes in  $R^n$  are denote by  $e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n$ . For  $x \in R^n$  and  $r > 0$ , we let  $B^n(x, r) = \{z \in R^n: |z-x| < r\}$ ,  $S^{n-1}(x, r) = \partial B^n(x, r)$ ,  $B^n(r) = B^n(0, r)$ ,  $B^n = B^n(1)$ . We follow J. Väisälä's definition of  $K$ -quasiconformality [3] which is also equivalent to  $K^{1/n-1}$ -quasiconformality in the definition given

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by F. W. Gehring [4].

**The Grötzsch ring domain.** For  $0 < r < \infty$ , let

$R_G(r) = B^n \setminus \{(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) : 0 \leq x_1 \leq r, x_2 = x_3 = \dots = x_n = 0\}$ . The domain  $R_G(r)$  is called the *Grötzsch ring domain* corresponding to  $r$ . Let  $\mu_G(r)$  denote the modulus of the family of arcs joining the boundary components of  $R_G(r)$ . Then (see [5])

$$\mu_G(r) = \frac{\omega_{n-1}}{[\log \Phi(\frac{1}{r})]^{n-1}} \quad (2.1)$$

where  $\omega_{n-1} = m_{n-1}(S^{n-1})$ . Using the inequality of F. W. Gehring in [6]

$$\alpha \leq \Phi(\alpha) \leq \lambda_n \alpha \quad (2.2)$$

we obtain from (2.1)

$$\frac{\omega_{n-1}}{(\log \frac{\lambda_n}{r})^{n-1}} \leq \mu_G(r) \leq \frac{\omega_{n-1}}{(\log \frac{1}{r})^{n-1}} \quad (2.3)$$

where  $\lambda_n \in [4, 2e^{n-1}]$  is the Grötzsch constant.

**The Teichmüller ring domain.** For  $r > 0$  let

$$R_T(r) = \bar{R}^n \setminus \{(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) : -1 \leq x_1 \leq 0 \text{ or } r \leq x_1 < \infty, x_2 = x_3 = \dots = x_n = 0\}.$$

The domain  $R_T(r)$  is called the *Teichmüller ring domain* corresponding to  $r$ . Let  $\mu_T(r)$  denote the modulus of the family of arcs joining the boundary components of  $R_T(r)$ . Then (see [5])

$$\mu_T(r) = 2^{1-n} \mu_G \left( \sqrt{\frac{1}{1+r}} \right) \quad (2.4)$$

By (2.3) and (2.4) we can obtain

$$\frac{\omega_{n-1}}{[\log \lambda_n^2 (1+r)]^{n-1}} \leq \mu_T(r) \leq \frac{\omega_{n-1}}{[\log(1+r)]^{n-1}} \quad (2.5)$$

Next let  $D \subset R^n$  is a bounded M-QED domain,  $E, F$  are two disjoint continua in closed sets  $D$ , the lower bound estimate of  $\text{mod} [\Delta(E, F; D)]$  play an important role in the proof of theorem 1. Now let us estimate it's lower bounded.

Since  $D$  is bounded, hence both  $E$  and  $F$  are bounded also, taking  $a, b \in E, c, d \in F$  such that  $\text{dia}(E) = |a-b|, \text{dia}(F) = |c-d|$ , by [5, 7.35] we have

$$\text{mod} [\Delta(E, F; \bar{R}^n)] \geq \mu_T \left( \frac{|a-c| |b-d|}{|a-b| |c-d|} \right) \quad (2.6)$$

Combining (1.2), (2.5) and (2.6) we get

$$\text{mod} [\Delta(E, F; D)] \geq \omega_{n-1} / M \log \left[ \frac{2 \lambda_n^2 \text{dia}^2(D)}{\text{dia}(E) \text{dia}(F)} \right]^{n-1} \quad (2.7)$$

### 3 Proof of theorem 1

Suppose that  $f \in Lip_\alpha(D)$ , then there exist sequences  $\{x_j\}$  and  $\{y_j\}$  in  $D$  such that

$$\frac{|f(x_j) - f(y_j)|}{|x_j - y_j|^\alpha} \rightarrow \infty, \text{ as } j \rightarrow \infty.$$

If at least one of the sequence  $\{x_j\}$  and  $\{y_j\}$  is bounded, without loss of generality, we may assume  $\{x_j\}$  is bounded. Then there exist a subsequence of  $\{x_j\}$ , still denote by  $\{x_j\}$  such that  $x_j \rightarrow x_0 \in \bar{D}$  as  $j \rightarrow \infty$ . There are following two cases:

(i)  $x_0 \in D$ , let  $d_1 = \text{dist}(x_0, \partial D)$ , taking  $j$  sufficient large such that  $\text{dist}(x_j, \partial D) > \frac{7}{8}d_1$ .

If  $|x_j - y_j| < \frac{1}{4}d_1$ , let  $0 < \epsilon < \frac{1}{2}|x_j - y_j|$ ,  $R = B^n(x_j, \frac{7}{8}d_1 - \epsilon) \setminus \bar{B}^n(x_j, |x_j - y_j| + \epsilon) \subset D$ ,  $\Gamma$  denote the family of arcs joining  $B^n(x_j, |x_j - y_j| + \epsilon)$  and  $D \setminus B^n(x_j, \frac{7}{8}d_1 - \epsilon)$  in  $D$ . Then by [4, 5.10], (2.7) and the  $K$ -quasiconformality of  $f$ , we have

$$\frac{1}{KM} \frac{\omega_{n-1}}{\left[ \log \frac{2\lambda_n^2 \text{dia}^2(D')}{\text{dia}(D') |f(x_j) - f(y_j)|} \right]^{n-1}} \leq \text{mod} \Gamma = \frac{\omega_{n-1}}{\left[ \log \frac{\frac{7}{8}d_1 - \epsilon}{|x_j - y_j| + \epsilon} \right]^{n-1}} \quad (3.1)$$

and hence

$$\begin{aligned} |f(x_j) - f(y_j)| &\leq \frac{2\lambda_n^2 \text{dia}(D')}{\left[ \frac{d_1}{2} \right]^{(KM)^{1/n-1}}} |x_j - y_j|^{(KM)^{1/n-1}} \\ &\leq \frac{2\lambda_n^2 \text{dia}(D')}{\left[ \frac{d_1}{2} \right]^{(KM)^{1/n-1}}} \left[ \frac{d_1}{4} \right]^{(KM)^{1/n-1} - \alpha} |x_j - y_j|^\alpha \end{aligned} \quad (3.2)$$

If  $|x_j - y_j| \geq \frac{1}{4}d_1$ , then by the boundedness of  $D'$ , we have

$$|f(x_j) - f(y_j)| \leq \frac{2\lambda_n^2 \text{dia}(D')}{\left( \frac{1}{2}d_1 \right)^\alpha} |x_j - y_j|^\alpha \quad (3.3)$$

(ii)  $x_0 \in \partial D$ , fixed a continuum  $A \subset D$ , let  $d_2 = \text{dist}(A, \partial D)$ , taking  $j$  sufficient large such that  $\text{dist}(x_j, A) > \frac{7}{8}d_2$ .

If  $|x_j - y_j| < \frac{1}{8}d_2$ , let  $0 < \epsilon < \frac{1}{2}|x_j - y_j|$ ,  $R = B^n(x_j, |x_j - y_j| + \epsilon) \setminus \bar{B}^n(x_j, |x_j - y_j| + \frac{1}{2}\epsilon)$ , then  $R$  separates points  $x_j, y_j$  and  $A$  in  $\bar{R}^n$ , let  $\gamma$  be the open segment joining  $x_j$  and  $y_j$ . Then there are two cases:

(a)  $\gamma \subset \bar{D}$ . let  $A_j$  be the component of  $D \setminus R$  which contain  $x_j$  and  $y_j$ , then by (2.7), the  $K$ -quasiconformality of  $f$  and the compare principle of modulus we get

$$\frac{1}{KM} \frac{\omega_{n-1}}{\left[ \log \frac{2\lambda_n^2 \text{dia}^2(D')}{\text{dia} f(A) |f(x_j) - f(y_j)|} \right]^{n-1}} \leq \text{mod} [\Delta(A, A_j; D)]$$

$$\leq \frac{\omega_{n-1}}{\left[ \log \frac{\frac{7}{8}d_2 - \varepsilon}{|x_j - y_j| + \varepsilon} \right]^{n-1}} \leq \frac{\omega_{n-1}}{\left[ \log \frac{\frac{1}{2}d_2}{|x_j - y_j|} \right]^{n-1}} \quad (3.4)$$

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(b)  $\gamma_j \not\subset \bar{D}$ , then  $\gamma_j \cap \partial D \neq \emptyset$  and there exist at least two points of  $\gamma_j \cap \partial D$ . Let  $x'_j$  and  $y'_j$  be the nearest points from  $x_j$  and  $y_j$  respectively,  $c_j$  be the open segment joining  $x_j$  to  $x'_j$ ,  $d_j$  be the open segment joining  $y_j$  to  $y'_j$ , then  $c_j \subset \bar{D}$  and  $d_j \subset \bar{D}$ , the detail proof similar to (a), we can prove that there exist constant  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  satisfying

$$|f(x_j) - f(x'_j)| \leq M_1 |x_j - x'_j|^\alpha \leq M_1 |x_j - y_j|^\alpha \quad (3.7)$$

$$|f(y_j) - f(y'_j)| \leq M_2 |y_j - y'_j|^\alpha \leq M_2 |x_j - y_j|^\alpha \quad (3.8)$$

since  $f \in Lip_\alpha(\partial D)$ , hence there exists constant  $M_3 > 0$  satisfying

$$|f(x'_j) - f(y'_j)| \leq M_3 |x'_j - y'_j|^\alpha \leq M_3 |x_j - y_j|^\alpha \quad (3.9)$$

Combining (3.7), (3.8), (3.9) and by the triangle inequality we have

$$|f(x_j) - f(y_j)| \leq (M_1 + M_2 + M_3) |x_j - y_j|^\alpha \quad (3.10)$$

If sequences  $\{x_j\}$  and  $\{y_j\}$  are both unbounded, then there exist subsequence  $\{x'_j\} \subset \{x_j\}$  and  $\{y'_j\} \subset \{y_j\}$  such that  $x'_j \rightarrow \infty$  and  $y'_j \rightarrow \infty$  as  $j \rightarrow \infty$ . For convenience, we still instead  $\{x_j\}$  for  $\{x'_j\}$  and  $\{y_j\}$  for  $\{y'_j\}$ .

Fixed a continuum  $A \subset D$ , let  $R > 0$  be sufficient large, such that  $A \subset B^n(R)$ , let  $j$  be sufficient large such that  $x_j, y_j \notin B^n(2R)$ .

First we assume  $|x_j - y_j| < \frac{1}{4}R$ , taking  $0 < \varepsilon < \frac{1}{2}|x_j - y_j|$ ,  $R_j = B^n(x_j, |x_j - y_j| + \varepsilon) \setminus \bar{B}^n(x_j, |x_j - y_j| + \frac{1}{2}\varepsilon)$ , let  $\gamma_j$  be the open segment joining  $x_j$  to  $y_j$ , then there are two cases:

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