

prove, hence we may assume  $|y_0| > \eta_{k,n}^*(1) = c$ . Let  $g = f^{-1}$ . (123)

Then  $g(B^n(|y_0|)) \supset B^n(t)$  and  $g(B^n(c)) \supset B^n$ . Let  $h(x) = x/|x|^2$  and  $F = h \circ g \circ h$ . Then  $F \in QC_k(\mathbb{R}^n)$ ,  $F(0) = 0$ ,  $F(e_1) = e_1$ , and  $F(B^n(1/c)) \subset B^n$ ,  $F(B^n(1/|y_0|)) \subset B^n(1/t)$ . By

$$1/t = 1/|g(y_0)| = |F(y_0^*)| \leq \varphi_{k,n}^*(c/|y_0|) \leq \varphi_{k,n}(c/|y_0|)$$

so that  $|y_0| = |f(x_0)| \leq c/\varphi_{k,n}(1/t)$ . The result follows if we take the infimum over all  $f$ . supre

(3) Fix  $f \in QC_k(\mathbb{R}^n)$ ,  $f(0) = 0$ ,  $f(e_i) = e_i$ , and  $t \in (0, 1)$ .

By 10.1 we have for  $x \in S^{n-1}(t)$  and  $y \in S^{n-1}(1)$

$$|fx|/|fe_1| = |fx| \leq C_{k,n}(t)$$

$$|fy|/|fe_1| = |fy| \geq B_{k,n}(t)$$

$$\Rightarrow |fx|/|fy| \leq C_{k,n}(t)/B_{k,n}(t)$$

Because  $\varphi_{1,n}(t) = t$ , the functions  $C_{1,n}(t) = \frac{t}{1-t}$  and  $B_{1,n}(t) = \frac{t}{1+t}$  by Lemma 10.1. Therefore Thm 10.5(3) yields  $\eta_{1,n}^*(1) \leq \inf\left\{\frac{1+t}{1-t} : 0 < t < 1\right\} = 1$  which is natural.

Our next goal is to deduce that for each  $k > 1$  we obtain a bound for  $\eta_{k,n}^*(1)$  which is explicit and  $\rightarrow 1$  when  $k \rightarrow 1$ .

10.6. Thm. For  $n \geq 2$  and  $k > 1$   $\eta_{k,n}^*(1) \leq \exp(4k(k+1)\sqrt{k-1})$ .

Pf. By 9.3 (1)  $1 - \varphi_{k,n}(\sqrt{t})^2 \geq 1 - \lambda_n^{2(1-\alpha)} t^\alpha$ ,  $\alpha = k/(k-1)$ . If  $1 - \lambda_n^{2(1-\alpha)} t_0^\alpha = 1/k$ , then  $t_0 = (\lambda_n^{2(\alpha-1)} (k-1)/k)^\beta$  so  $t_0 \leq (k-1)/k$ . Thus  $1 - \varphi_{k,n}(\sqrt{t})^2 \geq 1/k$  for  $0 < t \leq t_0$ . Hence by Thm 10.5(3) and Lemma 9.3

$$\eta_{k,n}^*(1) \leq \frac{C_{k,n}(t_0)}{B_{k,n}(t_0)} \leq K \lambda_n^{2(\beta-\alpha)} t_0^{\alpha-\beta} (1+t_0)^\beta \leq K \lambda_n^{2(\beta-\alpha)} t_0^{\alpha-\beta} \left(2 - \frac{1}{k}\right)^\beta < \infty$$

$$= K^{\beta(\beta-1)} (K-1)^{1-\beta^2} \lambda_n^{2(\beta^2-1)} (2K-1)^\beta \equiv E$$

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By elementary calculus  $\max\{x^{-\sqrt{x}} : x > 0\} = e^{-2/e}$  and hence

$$(K-1)^{1-K} = \left( (K-1)^{-\sqrt{K-1}} \right)^{\sqrt{K-1}} \leq \exp\left(\frac{2}{e} \sqrt{K-1}\right).$$

Consider two cases.

Case 1,  $K \geq 2$ . Now  $(K-1)^{1-\beta^2} \leq 1$  and by 9.4  $(\lambda_n^{\beta-1} \leq 2^{K-1} K^K)$

$$\begin{aligned} E &\leq K^{K(K-1)} \lambda_n^{2(\beta^2-1)} (2K-1)^K \leq K^{K(K-1)} (2^{K-1} K)^{2(K+1)} (2K-1)^K \\ &= K^{K(K-1)} \frac{2^{2(K^2-1)}}{K^{2K(K+1)}} (2K-1)^K \end{aligned}$$

$$= \exp\left[(3K^2+K)\log K + K\log(2K-1) + 2(K^2-1)\log 2\right]$$

$$< \exp\left[(3K^2+K)\sqrt{K-1} + K\sqrt{2}\sqrt{K-1} + \sqrt{2}(K^2-1)\right]$$

$$< \exp\left[(3K^2+3K)\sqrt{K-1} + 2(K^2-1)\right]$$

$$= \exp\left[\sqrt{K-1}(K+1)(3K+2\sqrt{K-1})\right] \leq \exp\left(4K(K+1)\sqrt{K-1}\right)$$

where we have used the inequality  $\log x \leq \sqrt{x-1}$ ,  $x > 1$ .

Case 2  $K \in (1, 2]$ . Now  $(K-1)^{1-\beta} \leq (K-1)^{1-K} \leq \exp\left(\frac{2}{e} \sqrt{K-1}\right)$  so

$$E \leq K^{K(K-1)} (2^{K-1} K^K)^{2(K+1)} (2K-1)^K \exp\left[\frac{2}{e}(K+1)\sqrt{K-1}\right]$$

$$= K^{K(3K+1)} \frac{4^{(K-1)(K+1)}}{(2K-1)^K} \exp\left(\frac{2}{e}(K+1)\sqrt{K-1}\right)$$

$$= \exp\left[(3K^2+K)\log K + (K-1)(K+1)\log 4 + \frac{2}{e}(K+1)\sqrt{K-1} + K\log(2K-1)\right]$$

$$\leq \exp\left[(3K^2+K)\frac{K-1}{\sqrt{K}} + \frac{2K(K-1)}{\sqrt{K}} + (K+1)(K-1)\log 4 + \frac{2}{e}(K+1)\sqrt{K-1}\right]$$

$$= \exp\left[3(K+1)(K-1)\sqrt{K} + (K+1)(K-1)\log 4 + \frac{2}{e}(K+1)\sqrt{K-1}\right]$$

$$\leq \exp\left[(K+1)\sqrt{K-1} \left( (3\sqrt{K} + \log 4)\sqrt{K-1} + \frac{2}{e} \right) \right]$$

Next we use

$$3\sqrt{K(K-1)} + (\log 4)\sqrt{K-1} + \frac{2}{e} \leq \frac{3}{2}(2K-1) + \log 4 + 1 < 3K+1 < 4K$$

and hence  $E \leq \exp(4K(K+1)\sqrt{K-1})$  as desired.

10.7. Theorem. Let  $f: \bar{\mathbb{R}}^n \rightarrow \bar{\mathbb{R}}^n$  be  $K$ -qc. Then

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$$1/\eta_{K,n}^*(1/|a,b,c,d|) \leq |fa,fb,fc,fd| \leq \eta_{K,n}^*(|a,b,c,d|)$$

for  $\forall$  quadruple of distinct points in  $\bar{\mathbb{R}}^n$  where  $\eta_{K,n}^*$  is as in 10.5.

Pf. We may assume  $a=0=f(a)$ ,  $b=e_1=f(b)$  and  $d=\infty=f(d)$ .

Then  $|a,b,c,d| = |c|$ ,  $|fa,fb,fc,fd| = |fc|$ . The upper bound follows directly from (10.2). Similarly from (10.2) we obtain

$$|fa,fb,fc,fd| = \frac{1}{|fa,fc,fb,fd|} \geq \frac{1}{\eta_{K,n}^*(|a,c,b,d|)} = \frac{1}{\eta_{K,n}^*(1/|a,b,c,d|)}.$$

10.8. Cor. The linear dilatation of a  $K$ -qc map  $f: \bar{\mathbb{R}}^n \rightarrow \bar{\mathbb{R}}^n$ ,  $f\infty = \infty$ , satisfies  $H(0,f) \leq \eta_{K,n}^*(1) \leq \exp(4K(K+1)\sqrt{K-1})$ .

Pf. Fix  $r > 0$  and  $x,y \in S^{n-1}(r)$ . Now  $|0,y,x,\infty| = |x|/|y| = 1$  and (because  $f(\infty) = \infty$ )

$$|f0,fy,fx,f\infty| = |fx-f0|/|fy-f0| \leq \eta_{K,n}^*(1) \leq e^{4K(K+1)\sqrt{K-1}}.$$

The claim follows from the def. of the linear dilatation

10.9. Cor. Let  $f: \bar{\mathbb{R}}^n \rightarrow \bar{\mathbb{R}}^n$  be a  $K$ -qc map with  $f\infty = \infty$  and  $a,b,c \in \mathbb{R}^n$  three distinct points. Then

$$r_6(n,K) \left( \frac{|a-c|}{|a-b|+|b-c|} \right)^\beta \leq \frac{|fa-fc|}{|fa-fb|+|fb-fc|} \leq$$

$$r_7(n,K) \left( \frac{|a-c|}{|a-b|+|b-c|} \right)^\alpha, \quad \alpha = K^{1/(1-n)} = 1/\beta,$$

where  $r_6, r_7$  depend only on  $n, K$  and equal to 1 for  $K=1$ .