

**Introduction to Conformal Geometry and Quasiconformal Maps**  
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**1.** Let  $G, G' \subset \overline{\mathbf{R}^n}$  be domains, and let  $f: G \rightarrow G' = fG$  be continuous. Then  $f$  is said to be *open* if it maps all open subsets onto open subsets of  $G'$ , *closed* if it maps all closed subsets onto closed subsets of  $G'$ , and *proper* if for every compact  $K \subset G'$  also  $f^{-1}K$  is compact. Note the condition  $fG = G'$  above, i.e.  $f$  is a surjective map.

(a) Show that the map  $f: H \rightarrow B^2 \setminus \{0\}$ ,  $H = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : \operatorname{Re} z < 0\}$ ,  $f(z) = \exp(z)$ , is open but neither proper nor closed.

(b) Prove: Let  $G, G' \subset \overline{\mathbf{R}^n}$  be domains, and let  $f: G \rightarrow G' = fG$  be continuous, open, and closed. If  $y \in G'$ , then  $f^{-1}(y)$  is compact.

(c) Prove: Let  $G, G' \subset \overline{\mathbf{R}^n}$  be domains, and let  $f: G \rightarrow G' = fG$  be continuous, open, and closed. If  $y \in G'$  and  $U$  is an open neighborhood of  $f^{-1}(y)$  in  $G$ , then there is an open neighborhood  $V$  of  $y$  in  $G'$  such that  $f^{-1}V \subset U$ .

**2.** Let  $G, G' \subset \overline{\mathbf{R}^n}$  be domains, and let  $f: G \rightarrow G' = fG$  be continuous, open, and closed. Then  $f$  is proper, i.e., for every compact  $E \subset G'$ , also  $f^{-1}E$  is compact.

**3.** For  $\alpha > 0$  we denote by  $I(\alpha)$  the class of compact subsets  $E$  of  $\overline{\mathbf{B}^n}$  with

$$A = \int_{B^n(2) \setminus E} \frac{dm}{d(x, E)^\alpha} < \infty.$$

Then, for example,  $\{0\} \in I(\alpha)$  when  $\alpha < n$ , and  $S^{n-1} \in I(\alpha)$  when  $\alpha < 1$ . Fix  $E \in I(\alpha)$ , denote  $E_k = \{x \in \mathbf{R}^n : 2^{-k-1} \leq d(x, E) \leq 2^{-k}\}$ ,  $k = 1, 2, \dots$ , and for  $p > 0$  let  $\Gamma_p$  be the family of all curves in  $\Delta(E, S^{n-1}(2); \mathbf{R}^n)$  with  $\ell(\gamma \cap E_k) \geq 2^{-kp}$ . Show that  $\mathbf{M}(\Gamma_p) = 0$  for  $p \in (0, \alpha/n)$ .

**4.** Let  $x, y \in \mathbf{B}^n$ ,  $x \neq y$  and  $M \in (0, \frac{\rho(x, y)}{2})$ . Show that

$$\mathbf{M}(\Delta(D(x, M), D(y, M); \mathbf{B}^n)) \geq d_1(n, M)\rho(x, y)^{1-n},$$

where  $d_1 > 0$ .

**5.** Let  $f: \mathbf{B}^n \rightarrow \mathbf{B}^n$  be a homeomorphism mapping each sphere centered at 0 onto another sphere centered at 0 (such a mapping is called a *radial mapping*) and with the property that for some  $K \geq 1$ ,  $\mathbf{M}(\Gamma)/K \leq \mathbf{M}(f(\Gamma)) \leq K\mathbf{M}(\Gamma)$  whenever  $\Gamma$  is the family of all curves connecting the boundary components of a spherical annulus centered at 0. Show that for all  $x \in \mathbf{B}^n$

$$|x|^{1/\alpha} \leq |f(x)| \leq |x|^\alpha, \alpha = K^{1/(1-n)}.$$

**6.** Let  $G = \mathbb{B}^2 \setminus \{0\}$ .

(a) For  $0 < r < 1/2$  compute the quasihyperbolic area w.r.t.  $k_G$  of the annulus  $\{z : r < |z| < 1/2\}$ .

(b) For  $1/2 < r < 1$  compute the quasihyperbolic area w.r.t.  $k_G$  of the annulus  $\{z : 1/2 < |z| < r\}$ .