

REMARKS ON THE QUASIDISKS AND  
THE HARDY-LITTLEWOOD PROPERTY

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**Abstract:** Suppose that  $D$  is a Jordan domain in the finite plane  $R^2$ , in this paper, the authors prove that  $D$  is a quasidisk if and only if  $f \in \text{Lip}_{1,J}(D)$ , whenever  $f$  is analytic in  $D$  with  $|f'(z)| \leq d(z, \partial D)^{-1}$ . Here  $J(z_1, z_2) = \frac{1}{2} \log(1 + \frac{|z_1 - z_2|}{d(z_1, \partial D)})(1 + \frac{|z_1 - z_2|}{d(z_2, \partial D)})$  for  $z_1, z_2 \in D$ .

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1. Introduction

In this paper, we shall adopt the notation and terminology as in paper, see [1],  $R^2$  denotes the finite plane,  $\bar{R}^2 = R^2 \cup \{\infty\}$ . For a Jordan domain  $D \subseteq R^2$ , denotes  $D^* = \bar{R}^2 \setminus \bar{D}$  the exterior of  $D$ . For  $x \in R^2$  and  $0 < r < \infty$ , let  $B^2(x, r) = \{z \in R^2 : |z - x| < r\}$ ,  $\bar{B}^2(x, r)$  be the closure of  $B^2(x, r)$ ,  $B^2(r) = B^2(0, r)$  and  $B^2 = B^2(1)$ .

Suppose that  $D$  is a domain in the finite plane  $R^2$  and that  $f$  is a real or complex valued function defined in  $D$ . We say that  $f$  is in  $\text{Lip}_k(D)$ ,  $0 < k \leq 1$ , if there exists a constant  $m$  such that

$$|f(z_1) - f(z_2)| \leq m|z_1 - z_2|^k \tag{1.1}$$

for all  $z_1$  and  $z_2$  in  $D$ , and we let  $\|f\|_k$  denote the infimum of the numbers  $m$  for which (1.1) holds.

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We say that a proper subdomain  $D$  of  $R^2$  has the Hardy-Littlewood property of order  $k$ ,  $0 < k \leq 1$ , if there exists a constant  $c$  such that  $f$  is in  $\text{Lip}_k(D)$  with  $\|f\|_k \leq \frac{cm}{k}$  whenever  $f$  is analytic in  $D$  with

$$|f'(z)| \leq md(z, \partial D)^{k-1}. \tag{1.2}$$

Hardy and Littlewood in [2] proved the following theorem.

**Theorem A.** *If  $D$  is the open disk  $B^2(x, r)$ , then for any  $0 < k \leq 1$ ,  $D$  has the Hardy-Littlewood property of order  $k$ .*

Suppose that  $D$  is a Jordan domain in  $R^2$ . We say that  $D$  is a quasidisk if there exists a  $K$ -quasiconformal mapping ( $K \geq 1$ )  $f : \bar{R}^2 \rightarrow \bar{R}^2$  such that  $D$  is the image of the unit disk  $B^2$  under  $f$ .

It is well-known that quasidisks play a very important role in quasiconformal mappings [3], complex dynamics [4], Fuchsian groups [5] and Teichmüller space theory [6], etc. A lot of interesting geometric and analytic properties for quasidisks are obtained by many authors.

Gehring and Martio in [7] proved the following theorem.

**Theorem B.** *If  $D$  is a quasidisk, then for any  $0 < k \leq 1$ ,  $D$  has the Hardy-Littlewood property of order  $k$ .*

**Theorem C.** *Suppose that  $D \subseteq R^2$  is a Jordan domain with  $\infty \in \partial D$ . If there exist constants  $k, k^* \in (0, 1]$  such that  $D$  and  $D^*$  has the Hardy-Littlewood property of order  $k$  and  $k^*$  respectively, then  $D$  is a quasidisk.*

In this paper, we shall generalize the  $\text{Lip}_k(D)$  to  $\text{Lip}_{k,h}(D)$  as follows.

Suppose that  $D$  is a domain in  $R^2$ ,  $f$  is a real or complex value function defined in  $D$ ,  $h$  is a distance function defined in  $D$ . We say that  $f$  is in  $\text{Lip}_{k,h}(D)$ ,  $0 < k \leq 1$ , if there exists a constant  $m$  such that

$$|f(z_1) - f(z_2)| \leq mh(z_1, z_2)^k \tag{1.3}$$

for all  $z_1$  and  $z_2$  in  $D$ .

It is obvious, if we let  $h(z_1, z_2) = |z_1 - z_2|$  for  $z_1, z_2 \in D$ , then  $\text{Lip}_{k,h}(D) = \text{Lip}_k(D)$ . We introduce the following important distant function  $J$  in  $D$ :

$$J(z_1, z_2) = \frac{1}{2} \log\left(1 + \frac{|z_1 - z_2|}{d(z_1, \partial D)}\right) \left(1 + \frac{|z_1 - z_2|}{d(z_2, \partial D)}\right) \tag{1.4}$$

for  $z_1, z_2 \in D$ .

The distance function  $J$  has been researched by Gehring, Martio, Palka, Osgood and Hag in [8-10].

The main purpose of this paper is to use  $\text{Lip}_{1,J}(D)$  to depict the analytic properties of quasidisks, we obtain the following result.

**Theorem.** *If  $D$  is a Jordan domain in the finite plane  $R^2$ , then  $D$  is a quasidisk if and only if  $f \in \text{Lip}_{1,J}(D)$  whenever  $f$  is analytic in  $D$  with  $|f'(z)| \leq d(z, \partial D)^{-1}$ .*

## 2. Two Lemmas and The Proof of Theorem

We shall first introduce the following two lemmas, they are the key of the proof of the theorem.

**Lemma 1.** (see [1], [9], [14]) *A Jordan domain  $D$  in  $R^2$  is a quasidisk if and only if there exists a constant  $c$  such that*

$$K(z_1, z_2) \leq cJ(z_1, z_2) \quad (2.1)$$

for all  $z_1, z_2 \in D$ . Here

$$K(z_1, z_2) = \inf_{\gamma} \int_{\gamma} d(z, \partial D)^{-1} ds \quad (2.2)$$

and the infimum in (2.2) is taken over all rectifiable arcs  $\gamma$  joining  $z_1$  and  $z_2$  in  $D$ .

**Lemma 2.** (see [7]) *If  $D$  is a Jordan domain in  $R^2$ , then*

$$K(z_1, z_2) \leq b\delta(z_1, z_2) \quad (2.3)$$

for all  $z_1, z_2 \in D$ . In here  $b > 0$  is an absolute constant, and  $\delta(z_1, z_2)$  is a distance function in  $D$  which defined by

$$\delta(z_1, z_2) = \sup |f(z_1) - f(z_2)|, \quad (2.4)$$

where the supremum in (2.4) is taken over all analytic functions  $f$  on  $D$  with

$$|f'(z)| \leq d(z, \partial D)^{-1}. \quad (2.5)$$

**Remark.** Lemma 2 is a generalization of a result by Kaufman and Wu [14], the proof is essentially identical, so we omit it here.

**Theorem.** *If  $D$  is a Jordan domain in the finite plane  $R^2$ , then  $D$  is a quasidisk if and only if  $f \in \text{Lip}_{1,J}(D)$  whenever  $f$  is analytic in  $D$  with  $|f'(z)| \leq d(z, \partial D)^{-1}$ .*

*Proof.* ( $\Rightarrow$ ) If  $D$  is a quasidisk, then by Lemma 1

$$K(z_1, z_2) \leq cJ(z_1, z_2) \quad (2.6)$$

for all  $z_1, z_2 \in D$ , where  $c$  is a constant which depends only on  $D$ .

Next for any  $z_1, z_2 \in D$ , by [9] we know that there exists quasihyperbolic geodesics  $\gamma \subseteq D$  which joining  $z_1$  and  $z_2$  such that

$$K(z_1, z_2) = \int_{\gamma} d(z, \partial D)^{-1} ds. \quad (2.7)$$

If  $f$  is analytic and satisfies (2.5) in  $D$ , then (2.5), (2.6) and (2.7) imply

$$\begin{aligned} |f(z_1) - f(z_2)| &= \left| \int_{\gamma} f'(z) dz \right| \leq \int_{\gamma} |f'(z)| ds \\ &\leq \int_{\gamma} d(z, \partial D)^{-1} ds = K(z_1, z_2) \leq cJ(z_1, z_2). \end{aligned}$$

( $\Leftarrow$ ) Now suppose that every  $f$  is analytic and satisfies (2.5) in  $D$  also satisfies

$$|f(z_1) - f(z_2)| \leq mJ(z_1, z_2), \quad (2.8)$$

where  $m$  is a constant which depends only on  $D$ .

Then by Lemma 2 and (2.8) we have

$$K(z_1, z_2) \leq b\delta(z_1, z_2) \leq bmJ(z_1, z_2) \quad (2.9)$$

for all  $z_1, z_2 \in D$ .

(2.9) and Lemma 1 imply that  $D$  is a quasidisk.  $\square$

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