

LOWER BOUNDS FOR THE AREA OF THE IMAGE OF A CIRCLE

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Abstract. In the work we consider Q -homeomorphisms w.r.t p -modulus on the complex plane as $p > 2$. We obtain a lower bound for the area of the image of a circle under such mappings. We solve the extremal problem on minimizing the functional of the area of the image of a circle.

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1. INTRODUCTION

The problem on area deformations under quasi-conformal mappings originates from work by B. Bojarskii [1]. A series of results in this direction were obtained in works [2]–[4].

First an upper bound for the area of the image of a circle under quasi-conformal mappings was provided in monograph by M.A. Lavrent'ev, see [5]. In [6, Prop. 3.7], the Lavrentiev's inequality was specified in terms of the angular dilatation. Also earlier in works [7]–[8] there were obtained the upper bounds for the area deformation for annular and lower and Q -homeomorphisms. In the present work we obtain lower bounds for the area of the image of a circle under Q -homeomorphisms w.r.t. p -modulus as $p > 2$.

To simplify the presentation, we restrict ourselves by the planar case. We recall some definitions. Assume that we are given a family Γ of curves γ in the complex plane \mathbb{C} . A Borel function $\varrho : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow [0, \infty]$ is called *admissible* for Γ , which is written as $\varrho \in \text{adm } \Gamma$, if

$$\int_{\gamma} \varrho(z) |dz| \geq 1 \quad \forall \gamma \in \Gamma. \quad (1)$$

Let $p \in (1, \infty)$. Then a p -modulus of the family Γ is the quantity

$$\mathcal{M}_p(\Gamma) = \inf_{\varrho \in \text{adm } \Gamma} \int_{\mathbb{C}} \varrho^p(z) dm(z). \quad (2)$$

Assume that D is a domain in the complex plane \mathbb{C} , that is, an open connected subset \mathbb{C} and $Q : D \rightarrow [0, \infty]$ is a measurable function. A homeomorphism $f : D \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is called a Q -homeomorphism w.r.t. p -modulus if

$$\mathcal{M}_p(f\Gamma) \leq \int_D Q(z) \varrho^p(z) dm(z) \quad (3)$$

for each family Γ of curves in D and each admissible function ϱ for Γ .

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The study of the inequalities of type (3) as $p = 2$ goes back to L. Ahlfors, see, for instance, [9, Ch. I, Sect. D, Thm. 3] as well as to O. Lehto and K. Virtanen [10, Ch. V, Sect. 6.3, Ineq. (6.6)]. In work [11] by C.J. Bishop, V.Ya. Gutlaynskii, O. Martio, M. Vuorinen, a multi-dimensional analogue of inequality (3) was proved for quasi-conformal mappings.

We also note that if the function Q in (3) is bounded almost everywhere by some constant $K \in [1, \infty)$ and $p = 2$, then we arrive at classical quasi-conformal mappings introduced originally in works by Grötzsch, Lavrentiev and Morrey.

Let $Q : D \rightarrow [0, \infty]$ be a measurable function. For each number $r > 0$ we denote by

$$q_{z_0}(r) = \frac{1}{2\pi r} \int_{S(z_0, r)} Q(z) |dz|$$

the integral mean of the function Q over the circle $S(z_0, r) = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z - z_0| = r\}$.

Theorem 1. *Let D and D' be bounded domains in \mathbb{C} and $f : D \rightarrow D'$ be a Q -homeomorphism w.r.t. p -modulus, $p > 2$, $Q \in L^1_{\text{loc}}(D \setminus \{z_0\})$. Then for all $r \in (0, d_0)$, $d_0 = \text{dist}(z_0, \partial D)$ the estimate*

$$|fB(z_0, r)| \geq \pi \left(\frac{p-2}{p-1} \right)^{\frac{2(p-1)}{p-2}} \left(\int_0^r \frac{dt}{t^{\frac{1}{p-1}} q_{z_0}^{\frac{1}{p-1}}(t)} \right)^{\frac{2(p-1)}{p-2}} \quad (4)$$

holds true, where $B(z_0, r) = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z - z_0| \leq r\}$.

We note that as $p > 2$ and $Q(z) \leq K$, by Theorem 1 we arrive to the result for a circle in [12, Lm. 7].

2. PROOF OF MAIN THEOREM

We provide some auxiliary information about the capacity of a condenser. Following work [13], the pair $\mathcal{E} = (A, C)$, where $A \subset \mathbb{C}$ is an open set and C is a non-empty compact set contained in A is called *condenser*. A condenser \mathcal{E} is called an *annular condenser* if $\mathfrak{R} = A \setminus C$ is an annulus, that is, if \mathfrak{R} is a domain whose complement $\overline{\mathbb{C}} \setminus \mathfrak{R}$ consists exactly of two components. A condenser \mathcal{E} is called a *bounded condenser* if the set A is bounded. We also say that a condenser $\mathcal{E} = (A, C)$ lies in the domain D if $A \subset D$. It is obvious that if $f : D \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is a continuous open mapping and $\mathcal{E} = (A, C)$ is a condenser in D , then (fA, fC) is also a condenser in fD . We also have $f\mathcal{E} = (fA, fC)$.

Let $\mathcal{E} = (A, C)$ be a condenser. By $\mathcal{C}_0(A)$ we denote the set of continuous compactly supported functions $u : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^1$, by $\mathcal{W}_0(\mathcal{E}) = \mathcal{W}_0(A, C)$ we denote the family of non-negative functions $u : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^1$ such that

- 1) $u \in \mathcal{C}_0(A)$,
- 2) $u(x) \geq 1$ for $x \in C$,
- 3) u belongs to the class ACL.

As $p \geq 1$, the quantity

$$\text{cap}_p \mathcal{E} = \text{cap}_p(A, C) = \inf_{u \in \mathcal{W}_0(\mathcal{E})} \int_A |\nabla u|^p dm(z), \quad (5)$$

where

$$|\nabla u| = \sqrt{\left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial y}\right)^2} \quad (6)$$

is called a p -capacity of the condenser \mathcal{E} . In what follows we shall make use the identity

$$\text{cap}_p \mathcal{E} = \mathcal{M}_p(\Delta(\partial A, \partial C; A \setminus C)) \quad (7)$$

established in work [14], where for the sets $\mathcal{F}_1, \mathcal{F}_2$ and \mathcal{F} in \mathbb{C} , the symbol $\Delta(\mathcal{F}_1, \mathcal{F}_2; \mathcal{F})$ stands for the family of all continuous curves connecting \mathcal{F}_1 and \mathcal{F}_2 in \mathcal{F} .

It is known [15, Prop. 5] that as $p \geq 1$,

$$\text{cap}_p \mathcal{E} \geq \frac{[\inf l(\sigma)]^p}{|A \setminus C|^{p-1}}. \quad (8)$$

Here $l(\sigma)$ is the length of a smooth (infinitely differentiable) curve σ being the boundary $\sigma = \partial U$ of a bounded open set U containing C and contained together with its closure \bar{U} in A and the infimum is taken over all such σ .

Proof of Theorem 1. Let $\mathcal{E} = (A, C)$ be a condenser, where $A = \{z \in D : |z - z_0| < t + \Delta t\}$, $C = \{z \in D : |z - z_0| \leq t\}$, $t + \Delta t < d_0$. Then $f\mathcal{E} = (fA, fC)$ is an annular condenser in D' and according to (7) we have the identity

$$\text{cap}_p f\mathcal{E} = \mathcal{M}_p(\Delta(\partial fA, \partial fC; f(A \setminus C))). \quad (9)$$

By inequality (8) we obtain

$$\text{cap}_p f\mathcal{E} \geq \frac{[\inf l(\sigma)]^p}{|fA \setminus fC|^{p-1}}. \quad (10)$$

Here $l(\sigma)$ is the length of a smooth (infinitely differentiable) curve σ being the boundary $\sigma = \partial U$ of a bounded open set U containing C and contained together with its closure \bar{U} in A and the infimum is taken over all such σ .

On the other hand, by the definition of Q -homomorphism w.r.t. p -modulus we have

$$\text{cap}_p f\mathcal{E} \leq \int_D Q(z) \varrho^p(z) dm(z) \quad (11)$$

for each $\varrho \in \text{adm } \Delta(\partial A, \partial C; A \setminus C)$.

It is easy to check that the function

$$\varrho(z) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{|z - z_0| \ln \frac{t+\Delta t}{t}}, & z \in A \setminus C \\ 0, & z \notin A \setminus C \end{cases}$$

is admissible for the family $\Delta(\partial A, \partial C; A \setminus C)$ and hence,

$$\text{cap}_p f\mathcal{E} \leq \frac{1}{\ln^p \left(\frac{t+\Delta t}{t}\right)} \int_R \frac{Q(z)}{|z - z_0|^p} dm(z), \quad (12)$$

where $R = \{z \in D : t \leq |z - z_0| \leq t + \Delta t\}$.

Combining inequalities (10) and (12), we get

$$\frac{[\inf l(\sigma)]^p}{|fA \setminus fC|^{p-1}} \leq \frac{1}{\ln^p \left(\frac{t+\Delta t}{t}\right)} \int_R \frac{Q(z)}{|z - z_0|^p} dm(z). \quad (13)$$

By the Fubini theorem we have

$$\int_R \frac{Q(z)}{|z - z_0|^p} dm(z) = \int_t^{t+\Delta t} \frac{d\tau}{\tau^p} \int_{S(z_0, \tau)} Q(z) |dz| = 2\pi \int_t^{t+\Delta t} \tau^{1-p} q_{z_0}(\tau) d\tau, \quad (14)$$

where $q_{z_0}(\tau) = \frac{1}{2\pi\tau} \int_{S(z_0, \tau)} Q(z) |dz|$ and $S(z_0, \tau) = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z - z_0| = \tau\}$. Thus,

$$\inf l(\sigma) \leq (2\pi)^{\frac{1}{p}} \frac{|fA \setminus fC|^{\frac{p-1}{p}}}{\ln\left(\frac{t+\Delta t}{t}\right)} \left[\int_t^{t+\Delta t} \tau^{1-p} q_{z_0}(\tau) d\tau \right]^{\frac{1}{p}}. \quad (15)$$

Employing the isoperimetric inequality

$$\inf l(\sigma) \geq 2\sqrt{\pi|fC|}, \quad (16)$$

we obtain

$$2\sqrt{\pi|fC|} \leq (2\pi)^{\frac{1}{p}} \frac{|fA \setminus fC|^{\frac{p-1}{p}}}{\ln\left(\frac{t+\Delta t}{t}\right)} \left[\int_t^{t+\Delta t} \tau^{1-p} q_{z_0}(\tau) d\tau \right]^{\frac{1}{p}}. \quad (17)$$

We introduce a function $\Phi(t)$ for this homeomorphism f as follows:

$$\Phi(t) = |fB(z_0, t)|, \quad (18)$$

where $B(z_0, t) = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z - z_0| \leq t\}$. Then it follows from (17) that

$$2\sqrt{\pi\Phi(t)} \leq (2\pi)^{\frac{1}{p}} \frac{[\frac{\Phi(t+\Delta t) - \Phi(t)}{\Delta t}]^{\frac{p-1}{p}}}{\frac{\ln(t+\Delta t) - \ln t}{\Delta t}} \left[\frac{1}{\Delta t} \int_t^{t+\Delta t} \tau^{1-p} q_{z_0}(\tau) d\tau \right]^{\frac{1}{p}}. \quad (19)$$

Letting $\Delta t \rightarrow 0$ in inequality (19) and taking into consideration a monotonous increasing of the function Φ in $t \in (0, d_0)$, for almost all t we have:

$$\frac{2\pi^{\frac{p-2}{2(p-1)}}}{t^{\frac{1}{p-1}} q_{z_0}^{\frac{1}{p-1}}(t)} \leq \frac{\Phi'(t)}{\Phi^{\frac{p}{2(p-1)}}(t)}. \quad (20)$$

This implies easily the following inequality:

$$\frac{2\pi^{\frac{p-2}{2(p-1)}}}{t^{\frac{1}{p-1}} q_{z_0}^{\frac{1}{p-1}}(t)} \leq \left(\frac{\Phi^{\frac{p-2}{2(p-1)}}(t)}{\frac{p-2}{2(p-1)}} \right)'. \quad (21)$$

Since $p > 2$, the function

$$g(t) = \frac{\Phi^{\frac{p-2}{2(p-1)}}(t)}{\frac{p-2}{2(p-1)}}$$

is non-decreasing on $(0, d_0)$, where $d_0 = \text{dist}(z_0, \partial D)$. Integrating both sides of the inequality in $t \in [\varepsilon, r]$ and taking into consideration that

$$\int_{\varepsilon}^r \left(\frac{\Phi^{\frac{p-2}{2(p-1)}}(t)}{\frac{p-2}{2(p-1)}} \right)' dt = \int_{\varepsilon}^r g'(t) dt \leq g(r) - g(\varepsilon) \leq \frac{\Phi^{\frac{p-2}{2(p-1)}}(r) - \Phi^{\frac{p-2}{2(p-1)}}(\varepsilon)}{\frac{p-2}{2(p-1)}}, \quad (22)$$

see, for instance, [16, Thm. IV.7.4], we obtain

$$2\pi^{\frac{p-2}{2(p-1)}} \int_{\varepsilon}^r \frac{dt}{t^{\frac{1}{p-1}} q_{z_0}^{\frac{1}{p-1}}(t)} \leq \frac{\Phi^{\frac{p-2}{2(p-1)}}(r) - \Phi^{\frac{p-2}{2(p-1)}}(\varepsilon)}{\frac{p-2}{2(p-1)}}. \quad (23)$$

Letting $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ in inequality (23), we arrive at the estimate

$$\Phi(r) \geq \pi \left(\frac{p-2}{p-1} \right)^{\frac{2(p-1)}{p-2}} \left(\int_0^r \frac{dt}{t^{\frac{1}{p-1}} q_{z_0}^{\frac{1}{p-1}}(t)} \right)^{\frac{2(p-1)}{p-2}}. \quad (24)$$

Finally, denoting $\Phi(r) = |fB(z_0, r)|$ in the latter inequality, we get

$$|fB(z_0, r)| \geq \pi \left(\frac{p-2}{p-1} \right)^{\frac{2(p-1)}{p-2}} \left(\int_0^r \frac{dt}{t^{\frac{1}{p-1}} q_{z_0}^{\frac{1}{p-1}}(t)} \right)^{\frac{2(p-1)}{p-2}} \quad (25)$$

and this completes the proof of Theorem 1. \square

3. COROLLARIES OF THEOREM 1

Theorem 1 implies the following statements.

Employing the condition $q_{z_0}(t) \leq q_0 t^{-\alpha}$, we estimate the right hand side of inequality (4) and after elementary transformations we arrive at the following result.

Corollary 1. *Let D and D' be bounded domains in \mathbb{C} and $f : D \rightarrow D'$ be a Q -homeomorphism w.r.t. p -modulus as $p > 2$. Assume that the function Q satisfies the condition*

$$q_{z_0}(t) \leq q_0 t^{-\alpha}, \quad q_0 \in (0, \infty), \quad \alpha \in [0, \infty) \quad (26)$$

for $z_0 \in D$ and almost all $t \in (0, d_0)$, $d_0 = \text{dist}(z_0, \partial D)$. Then for each $r \in (0, d_0)$ the estimate

$$|fB(z_0, r)| \geq \pi^{-\frac{\alpha}{p-2}} \left(\frac{p-2}{\alpha+p-2} \right)^{\frac{2(p-1)}{p-2}} q_0^{\frac{2}{2-p}} |B(z_0, r)|^{1+\frac{\alpha}{p-2}} \quad (27)$$

holds true.

In particular, letting here $\alpha = 0$, we obtain the following conclusion.

Corollary 2. *Let D and D' be bounded domains in \mathbb{C} and $f : D \rightarrow D'$ be a Q -homeomorphism w.r.t. p -modulus as $p > 2$ and $q_{z_0}(t) \leq q_0 < \infty$ for almost each $t \in (0, d_0)$, $d_0 = \text{dist}(z_0, \partial D)$. Then the estimate*

$$|fB(z_0, r)| \geq q_0^{\frac{2}{2-p}} |B(z_0, r)| \quad (28)$$

holds true for each $r \in (0, d_0)$.

Corollary 3. *Suppose that the assumptions of Theorem 1 are satisfied and $Q(z) \leq K < \infty$ for almost each $z \in D$. Then the estimate*

$$|fB(z_0, r)| \geq K^{\frac{2}{2-p}} |B(z_0, r)| \quad (29)$$

holds true for each $r \in (0, d_0)$.

Remark 1. *Corollary 3 is a particular result by Gehring for $E = B(z_0, r)$, see [12, Lm. 7].*

Corollary 4. *Let $f : \mathbb{B} \rightarrow \mathbb{B}$ be a Q -homeomorphism w.r.t. p -modulus as $p > 2$. Assume that the function $Q(z)$ satisfies the condition*

$$q(t) \leq \frac{q_0}{t \ln^{\frac{1}{p-1}} \frac{1}{t}}, \quad q_0 \in (0, \infty), \quad (30)$$

for almost each $t \in (0, 1)$, where $q(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi t} \int_{S_t} Q(z) |dz|$ is the integral mean over the circumference $S_t = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| = t\}$. Then for each $r \in (0, 1)$ the estimate

$$|fB_r| \geq \pi \left(\frac{p-2}{p-1} \right)^{\frac{2(p-1)}{p-2}} q_0^{\frac{2}{2-p}} \left(r \ln \frac{e}{r} \right)^{\frac{2(p-1)}{p-2}} \quad (31)$$

holds true, where $B_r = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| \leq r\}$.

4. EXTREMAL PROBLEMS FOR AREA FUNCTIONAL

Let $Q : \mathbb{B} \rightarrow [0, \infty]$ be a measurable function satisfying the condition

$$q(t) \leq q_0, \quad q_0 \in (0, \infty) \quad (32)$$

for almost each $t \in (0, 1)$, where $q(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi t} \int_{S_t} Q(z) |dz|$ is the integral mean over the circumference $S_t = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| = t\}$.

Let $\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}(q_0, p, \mathbb{B})$ be the set of all Q -homeomorphisms $f : \mathbb{B} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ w.r.t. p -modulus as $p > 2$ obeying condition (32). On the class \mathcal{H} we consider the area functional

$$\mathbf{S}_r(f) = |fB_r|. \quad (33)$$

Theorem 2. *For each $r \in [0, 1]$ the identity*

$$\min_{f \in \mathcal{H}} \mathbf{S}_r(f) = \pi q_0^{\frac{2}{2-p}} r^2 \quad (34)$$

holds true.

Proof. Corollary 2 implies immediately the estimate

$$\mathbf{S}_r(f) \geq \pi q_0^{\frac{2}{2-p}} r^2. \quad (35)$$

Let us specify a homeomorphism $f \in \mathcal{H}$, at which the minimum of the functional $\mathbf{S}_r(f)$ is attained. Let $f_0 : \mathbb{B} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$, where

$$f_0(z) = q_0^{\frac{1}{2-p}} z. \quad (36)$$

It is obvious that (35) becomes the identity at the mapping f_0 . It remains to show that the mapping defined in such way is a Q -homeomorphism w.r.t. p -modulus with $Q(z) = q_0$. Indeed,

$$l(z, f_0) = L(z, f_0) = q_0^{\frac{1}{2-p}}, \quad J(z, f_0) = q_0^{\frac{2}{2-p}} \quad (37)$$

and

$$K_{I,p}(z, f_0) = \frac{J(z, f_0)}{l^p(z, f_0)} = q_0. \quad (38)$$

By Theorem 1.1 in work [17], the mapping f_0 is a Q -homeomorphism w.r.t. p -modulus with $Q(z) = K_{I,p}(z, f_0) = q_0$. \square

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