

## APPLICATIONS OF AN EQUIVALENCE RELATION AT THE DETERMINATION OF SOME RELATIONS BETWEEN CAPACITIES AND OF THEIR VALUES

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**Abstract.** In this paper we shall present some application of an equivalence relation defined on  $R^n$ . This relation is important because it leads to a simplification of many proofs in which intervene relations between different types of capacities.

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### 1. DEFINITIONS

In what follows we shall work in the space  $R^n$  and we shall denote by:

$B(a, r) = \{x \in R^n : d(x, a) < r\}$  - the open ball,

$d$  - the Euclidean distance.

**Definition 1.1.** Let  $\varphi_1, \varphi_2$  be nonnegative functions defined in a neighborhood of  $0 \in R^n$ , without the origin. We say that  $\varphi_1$  and  $\varphi_2$  are equivalent when  $x \rightarrow 0$ , and we denote by  $\varphi_1 \sim \varphi_2$ , if there exists two numbers  $r > 0, Q > 0$  such that:

$$(1) \quad \frac{1}{Q}\varphi_1(x) \leq \varphi_2(x) \leq Q\varphi_1(x), (\forall)x : |x| < r$$

An analogous definition can be given when  $x \rightarrow \infty$ ; in this case,  $\varphi_1 \sim \varphi_2$  means that the inequalities (1) have place in all the space.

**Remark 1.1.** The relation " $\sim$ " is an equivalence relation.

**Definition 1.2.** A continuous function  $h(r)$  defined on  $[0, r_0)$ , ( $r_0 > 0$ ), nondecreasing and such that  $\lim_{r \rightarrow 0} h(r) = 0$  is called a measure function.

**Definition 1.3.** Let  $E \subset R^n$  be a bounded set,  $\delta > 0$  and  $h$  a measure function. The Hausdorff  $h$  - measure of  $E$ , denoted by  $H_h(E)$ , is the number

$$H_h(E) = \liminf_{\delta \rightarrow 0} \sum_i h(\rho_i)$$

inf being considered over all coverings of  $E$  with a countable number of spheres of radii  $\rho_i \leq \delta$ .

**Remark 1.2.** *The Hausdorff  $h$  - measure is a capacity.*

**Definition 1.4.** *Let consider the function  $f : D(\subset R^n) \rightarrow \overline{R}$ .  $f$  is called a  $\delta$ -class Lipschitz function if:*

$$(2) \quad |f(x + \alpha) - f(x)| \leq M |\alpha|^\delta, x \in D, \alpha \in R^n, x + \alpha \in D, M > 0$$

**Definition 1.5.** *Let consider  $E \subset R^n$  and  $h$  - a measure function.  $E$  has a positive inferior  $h$  -density in a point  $a \in E$ , denoted by  $\underline{D}_h(a)$ , if*

$$\liminf_{r \rightarrow 0} \frac{H_h(E \cap B(a, r))}{h(2r)} > 0$$

## 2. LEMMAS

**Lemma 2.1.** *If  $h = h(r)$  is a measure function which satisfies:*

$$(3) \quad h(2r) \leq Qh(r), 0 \leq r \leq 1/2, Q > 0$$

and  $E \subset R^n$  is a Cantor set, then:

$$(4) \quad \frac{1}{Q} \liminf_{j \rightarrow \infty} 2^{nj} h(l_j) \leq H_h(E) \leq Q \liminf_{j \rightarrow \infty} 2^{nj} h(l_j),$$

where  $Q$  is a constant which doesn't depend on  $E$ .

For details, see [AM].

**Lemma 2.2.** *The Borelian set  $E \subset R^n$  has a positive inferior  $h$  -density in every point  $x \in E$  if:*

i.  $0 < H_h(E) < \infty$ ,

ii.  $h(2r) \leq Qh(r)$ ,  $(\forall) 0 < r < r_0$  ( $r_0$  small enough),  $Q \in [1, 2^n]$ ,

iii.  $E$  is a Cantor set:  $E = \bigcap_{k=1}^{\infty} E_k$ , where  $E_k$  contains  $2^{nk}$   $n$ -dimensional intervals with the lengths  $l_k$  and

$$(5) \quad 2l_{k+1} < l_k, c_1 < 2^{nk} h(l_k) < c_2, c_1, c_2 \in R.$$

For details, see [W].

In what follows, we denote by  $B_{\alpha,p}(E)$  the Bessel capacity of a set  $E \subset R^n$ .

**Lemma 2.3.** *If  $h$  is a measure function such that:*

$$\int_0^R [r^{\alpha-np} h(r)]^{\frac{1}{p-1}} \frac{dr}{r} = +\infty,$$

$E$  is a Borel set, which has a positive inferior  $h$  - density in every point  $x \in E$  and  $0 < H_h(E) < +\infty$ , then  $B_{\alpha,p}(E)$ .

3. RESULTS

We could divide the following results in two parts:

- i. theorems related to the values of the Hausdorff  $h$ -measure of some sets;
- ii. theorems concerning the relations between different types of capacities.

The first class contains the following three theorems and the second class, the last two.

**Theorem 3.1.** *Let consider a set of contractions  $\{\psi_j\}_{j=1,\dots,m}$  on  $R^n$ , with the contraction ratios  $r_j < 1$  and  $s$  the number determined by:  $\sum_{j=1}^m r_j^s = 1$ . If  $E$  is the residual set of the Apollonian packing and  $h$  a measure function such that:*

$$(6) \quad h(t) \sim t^s,$$

then:  $0 < H_h(E) < +\infty$ .

**Theorem 3.2.** *If  $s \geq \frac{\log 3}{\log(1+2 \cdot 3^{-1/2})}$ ,  $E$  is the residual set of the Apollonian packing and  $h$  is any measure function that satisfies (6), then there exist  $Q > 0$  such that:  $H_h(E) < (2 \cdot 3^{-1/2})^s Q$ .*

For details, see [B3].

**Theorem 3.3.** *Let consider:  $f : [0, 1] \rightarrow \bar{R}$  - a  $\delta$ -class Lipschitz function,  $\Gamma$ , its graph and  $h$  - a measure function which satisfies (6).*

*If  $(\delta \in [0, 1]$  and  $p \geq 2)$  or  $(\delta > 1$  and  $p \geq 1)$  then:  $H_h(\Gamma) < +\infty$ .*

For details, see [B4].

**Theorem 3.4.** *If  $n, p \in N^*, p \neq 1, 0 < \alpha < +\infty, 0 < w \leq n, \alpha p \leq n$ , then:*

1. *There exist a compact set  $E \subset R^n$  and*

*i. a measure function  $h$ , such that:*

$$H_h(E) > 0 \Rightarrow B_{\alpha,p}(E) > 0, \text{ if } \alpha p > w;$$

*ii. a measure function  $h$ , such that:*

$$H_h(E) < +\infty \Rightarrow B_{\alpha,p}(E) = 0, \text{ if } \alpha p \leq w.$$

2. *There exist a compact set  $E \subset R^n$  and*

*i. a measure function  $h$ , such that:*

$$H_h(E) > 0 \Rightarrow B_{\alpha,p}(E) > 0, \text{ if } \alpha p \geq w;$$

*ii. a measure function  $h$ , such that:*

$$H_h(E) < +\infty \Rightarrow B_{\alpha,p}(E) = 0, \text{ if } \alpha p < w.$$

For details, see [AM], [B1], [B2].

In the paper [C], was denoted:

$$\log_m \frac{1}{r_m} = \underbrace{\log \circ \log \circ \dots \circ \log}_{m \text{ times}} \frac{1}{r_m}$$

and introduced the function:

$$(7) \quad h_{\alpha p, p-1, m, \beta}(r) = r^{n-\alpha p} \prod_{k=1}^{m-1} \left( \log_k \frac{1}{r} \right)^{1-p} \left( \log_m \frac{1}{r} \right)^{-\beta},$$

$m, p \in \mathbb{N}^*, \alpha p \leq n, 0 < \beta \leq p - 1, 0 < r < r_m, \log_m \frac{1}{r_m} > 1.$

**Theorem 3.5.** *There is a compact set  $E \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ , which satisfies the following property: if  $0 < H_{h_{\alpha p, p-1, m, \beta}}(E) < +\infty, m, p \in \mathbb{N}^*, \alpha p \leq n, 0 < \beta \leq p - 1$ , then  $B_{\alpha, p}(E) = 0.$*

**Proof.** We consider  $E$  a Cantor set which satisfies the hypothesis of lemma 2 and  $h$ , the function introduced in (7). The interval lengths are chosen to satisfy:

$$(8) \quad c_1 < 2^{nk} h_{\alpha p, p-1, m, \beta}(l_k) < c_2, c_1, c_2 > 0.$$

First, we prove that  $h_{\alpha p, p-1, m, \beta}$  satisfies the hypothesis of the lemma 1, that is, there exist  $Q > 0$ , such that:

$$(9) \quad h_{\alpha p, p-1, m, \beta}(2r) \leq Q h_{\alpha p, p-1, m, \beta}(r), 0 < r \leq 1/2.$$

(9) is equivalent with:

$$(10) \quad (2r)^{\alpha p - n} \prod_{k=1}^{m-1} \left( \log_k \frac{1}{2r} \right)^{1-p} \left( \log_m \frac{1}{2r} \right)^{-\beta} \leq Q r^{\alpha p - n} \prod_{k=1}^{m-1} \left( \log_k \frac{1}{r} \right)^{1-p} \left( \log_m \frac{1}{r} \right)^{-\beta}$$

We look for  $Q \in [1, 2^n]$  of the form:

$$(11) \quad Q = Q_m^\beta \prod_{k=1}^{m-1} Q_k^{p-1}, Q_k > 1, k = 1, \dots, m.$$

Now, (10) can be written:

$$(10') \quad 2^{\alpha p - n} \prod_{k=1}^{m-1} \left( \log_k \frac{1}{2r} \right)^{1-p} \left( \log_m \frac{1}{2r} \right)^{-\beta} \leq Q_m^\beta \prod_{k=1}^{m-1} \left[ Q_k^{p-1} \left( \log_k \frac{1}{r} \right)^{1-p} \left( \log_m \frac{1}{r} \right)^{-\beta} \right]$$

If  $Q \in [1, 2^n]$  and  $\alpha p \leq n$ , to have (10') is sufficient to prove:

$$(12) \quad \log_k \frac{1}{2r} \leq Q_k \log_k \frac{1}{r}, Q_k > 1, k = 1, \dots, m$$

We prove this assertion. To do this, we suppose that (12) take place and  $0 < \beta \leq p - 1.$  Thus:

$$\begin{cases} \left( \log_k \frac{1}{2r} \right)^{1-p} \leq Q_k^{p-1} \left( \log_k \frac{1}{r} \right)^{1-p}, k = 1, \dots, m-1 \\ \left( \log_m \frac{1}{2r} \right)^{-\beta} \leq Q_m^\beta \left( \log_m \frac{1}{r} \right)^{-\beta} \end{cases} \Rightarrow$$

$$\prod_{k=1}^{m-1} \left( \log_k \frac{1}{2r} \right)^{1-p} \left( \log_m \frac{1}{2r} \right)^{-\beta} \leq Q_m^\beta \prod_{k=1}^{m-1} \left[ Q_k^{p-1} \left( \log_k \frac{1}{r} \right)^{1-p} \left( \log_m \frac{1}{r} \right)^{-\beta} \right]$$

and  $2^{\alpha p - n} \leq 1$  because  $\alpha p \leq n.$

From the last two relations, it results (10').

Now, we shall prove that for  $r > 0$ , small enough, that following relation is true:

$$(13) \quad \log \frac{1}{r} \sim \log \frac{1}{2r}$$

Indeed,

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \frac{\log \frac{1}{r}}{\log \frac{1}{2r}} = \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \frac{\log r}{\log r + \log 2} = 1$$

Then, there exist  $Q_1 > 0$  such that:

$$\frac{1}{Q_1} \log \frac{1}{2r} \leq \log \frac{1}{r} \leq Q_1 \log \frac{1}{2r}$$

But, the function  $f(r) = \log \frac{1}{r}$ ,  $0 < r < r_0$  is decreasing and thus:

$$\log \frac{1}{2r} \leq \log \frac{1}{r}$$

From the two previous relations it results that  $Q_1$  must be greater or equal with zero.

Now, we use the induction to prove (12).

For  $k = 1$ , the relation was proved. We suppose that it is true for  $k - 1$  ( $k \in N^* - \{1\}$ ) and we prove it for  $k$ , i.e.:

$$\log_k \frac{1}{r} \sim \log_k \frac{1}{2r}$$

for  $r > 0$ , small enough.

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow 0} \frac{\log_k \frac{1}{r}}{\log_k \frac{1}{2r}} = \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \frac{[\log_{k-1} \frac{1}{r}]'}{\log_{k-1} \frac{1}{r}} \cdot \frac{\log_{k-1} \frac{1}{2r}}{[\log_{k-1} \frac{1}{2r}]'} = \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \frac{\prod_{j=1}^{k-1} \log_j \frac{1}{r}}{\prod_{j=1}^{k-1} \log_j \frac{1}{2r}}$$

This limit is a finite one, because the fraction terms are comparable.

The proof of (12) is complete.

The hypothesis of lemma 2 are satisfied. Then,  $E$  has a inferior positive  $h$  -density in every point  $x$ .

Using (8) and lemma 1, it results that  $0 < H_{h_{\alpha p, p-1, m, \beta}}(E) < +\infty$ .

$$\int_0^{r_0} [r^{\alpha p - n} h_{\alpha p, p-1, m, \beta}(r)]^{\frac{1}{p-1}} \frac{dr}{r} = \int_0^{r_0} \left[ \prod_{k=1}^{m-1} \left( \log_k \frac{1}{r} \right)^{-1} \left( \log_m \frac{1}{r} \right)^{-\frac{\beta}{p-1}} \right] \frac{dr}{r} = \infty,$$

for  $r_0$  small enough.

From lemma 3, we obtain:  $B_{\alpha, p}(E) = 0. \square$

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