## Modulus of a Curve Family 1

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1. outer measure on the set of curves

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5. In the lecture we only cared about if sets are exceptional or not. Here we will also prove some quantitative estimates.

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2. This means that $\mu(E)=0$ is also recognized by the curves. At least almost all of them.

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However if $\rho$ is admissible for (2) then for each $\varepsilon$ and each unit vector $e$ we must have

$$
\int_{1}^{1+\varepsilon} \rho(t e) \mathrm{d} t \geq 1
$$

This requires $\int_{1}^{2} \rho(t e) \mathrm{d} t=\infty$ and by integration over $e$ thus $\int \rho=\infty$.

## Bound on $\operatorname{Mod}_{p}[\overline{B(x, r)}, X \backslash B(x, R)]$

Proposition
Let $x \in X$ and $n \geq 1$. If for all $0<r<R_{0}$ we have

$$
\mu(B(x, r)) \lesssim r^{n}
$$

then for all $0<2 r<R<R_{0}$ we have

$$
\operatorname{Mod}_{p}[\overline{B(x, r)}, X \backslash B(x, R)] \lesssim_{p, n}\left(\log \frac{R}{r}\right)^{-p} \begin{cases}\log \frac{R}{r} & p=n \\ r^{n-p} & p>n \\ R^{n-p} & p<n\end{cases}
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1. Upper bounds tend to be easier because it suffices to provide an admissible function.
2. In $\mathbb{R}^{n}$ :

$$
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Coincidence for $n=p$, about a $\log ()^{-p}$ too much for $p \neq n$.
3. Note that in case $p=n$ it only depends on $\frac{R}{r}$. That means here the modulus is scaling invariant. In $\mathbb{R}^{n}$ this corresponds to $p=n$. Maybe keep that in mind, it will appear again in the second talk on this topic in a few weeks.

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