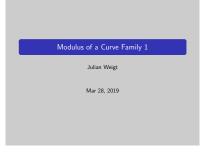
Modulus of a Curve Family 1

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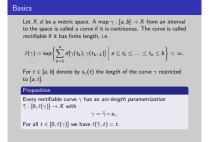
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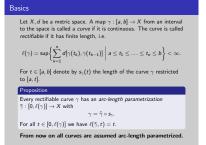
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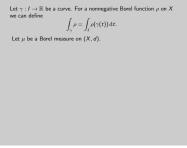
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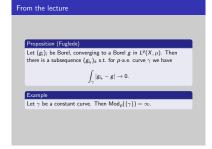
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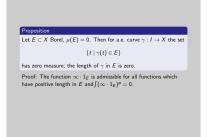
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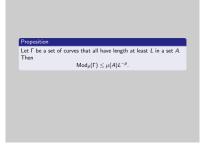
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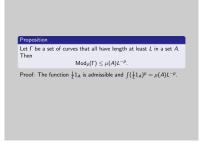


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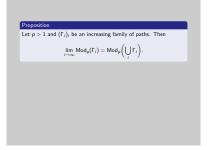
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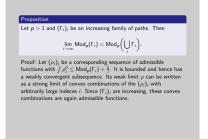


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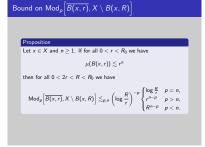
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Let $x \in X$ and $n \ge 1$. If for all $0 < r < R_0$ we have

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

then for all $0 < 2r < R < R_0$ we have

$$\mathsf{Mod}_{p}\Big[\overline{B(x,r)}, X \setminus B(x,R)\Big] \lesssim_{p,n} \left(\log \frac{R}{r}\right)^{-p} \begin{cases} \log \frac{R}{r} & p = n, \\ r^{n-p} & p > n, \\ R^{n-p} & p < n. \end{cases}$$



- 1. Upper bounds tend to be easier because it suffices to provide an admissible function.
- 2. In \mathbb{R}^n :

$$\sim \begin{cases} \log\left(\frac{R}{r}\right)^{1-p} & p = n \\ \frac{1}{\left|R^{\frac{p-n}{p-1}} - r^{\frac{p-n}{p-1}}\right|^{p-1}} & p \neq n \end{cases}$$

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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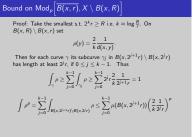
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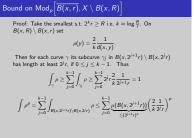
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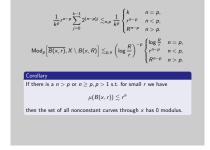
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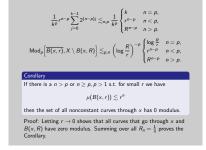
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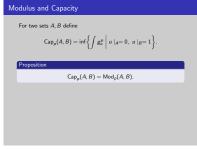
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