

Local and global Sobolev regularity of quasiconformal maps

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We say $f \in W_{\text{loc}}^{n,p}(\Omega)$ if $\eta f \in W^{n,p}(\Omega)$ for every $\eta \in C_0^{\infty}(\Omega)$.

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So, for any μ with $\|\mu\|_{\infty} < 1$, there exists a unique principal solution f which is quasiconformal and

$$f(z) = z + O(z^{-1}), \quad |z| \rightarrow \infty.$$

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The proof relies on the Beurling transform T defined by

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Principle: Local regularity of f follows from global regularity of w satisfying the inhomogeneous Beltrami equation

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or equivalently, norm estimates on the Beltrami resolvent $(I - \mu T)^{-1}$.

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