

SMOOTHNESS PROPERTIES OF FUNCTIONS IN $R^2(X)$ AT CERTAIN BOUNDARY POINTS

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ABSTRACT. Let X be a compact subset of the complex plane \mathbb{C} . We denote by $R_0(X)$ the algebra consisting of the (restrictions to X of) rational functions with poles off X . Let m denote 2-dimensional Lebesgue measure. For $p \geq 1$, let $R^p(X)$ be the closure of $R_0(X)$ in $L^p(X, dm)$.

In this paper, we consider the case $p = 2$. Let $x \in \partial X$ be both a bounded point evaluation for $R^2(X)$ and the vertex of a sector contained in $\text{Int } X$. Let L be a line which passes through x and bisects the sector. For those $y \in L \cap X$ that are sufficiently near x we prove statements about $|f(y) - f(x)|$ for all $f \in R^2(X)$.

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1. INTRODUCTION.

Let X be a compact subset of the complex plane \mathbb{C} . We denote by $R_0(X)$ the algebra consisting of the (restrictions to X of) rational functions with poles off X . Let m denote 2-dimensional Lebesgue measure. For $p \geq 1$, let $L^p(X) = L^p(X, dm)$. The closure of $R_0(X)$ in $L^p(X)$ will be denoted by $R^p(X)$. Whenever p and q both appear, we will assume that $p^{-1} + q^{-1} = 1$.

In "Bounded point evaluations and smoothness properties of functions in $R^p(X)$ ", [6, p. 76], we proved the following:

THEOREM 1.1. Let ϕ be an admissible function and s a nonnegative integer. Suppose that $p > 2$ and that there is an $x \in X$ represented by a function $g \in L^q(X)$ such that $(z-x)^{-s} \phi(|z-x|)^{-1} g \in L^q(X)$. Then for every $\epsilon > 0$ there is a set E in X having full area density at x such that for every $f \in R^p(X)$

$$(i) \quad f = \sum_{j=0}^s (D_x^j f)(z-x)^j + R \quad \text{where} \quad R \in R^p(X) \quad \text{satisfies}$$

$$(ii) \quad |R(y)| \leq \epsilon |y-x|^s \phi(|y-x|) \|f\|_p \quad \text{for all} \quad y \in E, \quad \text{and}$$

$$(iii) \quad \text{app lim}_{y \rightarrow x} \frac{R(y)}{|y-x|^s \phi(|y-x|)} = 0.$$

It is natural to ask whether a similar result holds for the case $p = 2$. The problem in extending the proof of Theorem 1.1 to the case $p = 2$ is that $z^{-1} \notin L^2_{loc}$. Fernström and Polking have shown at least one way in which the case $p > 2$ differs from $p = 2$ [2, pp. 5-9]. They have constructed a compact set X such that $R^2(X) \neq L^2(X)$ but no point in X is a bounded point evaluation for $R^2(X)$. In this paper we consider the case $p = 2$ when $x \in \partial X$ is a bounded point evaluation for $R^2(X)$ and is a special kind of boundary point. We will assume that $x \in \partial X$ is the vertex of a sector contained in $\text{Int } X$.

To prove our theorem we will need the representing functions used in [6] and a capacity defined in terms of a Bessel kernel. We will also use results of Fernström and Polking to construct a representing function for x with support outside the sector mentioned above.

2. REPRESENTING FUNCTIONS.

In this paper z will denote the identity function.

DEFINITION 2.1. A point $x \in X$ is a bounded point evaluation (BPE) for $R^2(X) \subset L^2(X)$ if there is a constant C such that

$$|f(x)| \leq C \left\{ \int |f|^2 dm \right\}^{1/2} \quad \text{for all } f \in R^2(X).$$

It follows from the Riesz representation theorem that if $x \in X$ is a BPE for $R^2(X)$ then there is a function $g \in L^2(X)$ such that $f(x) = \int fg dm$ for all $f \in R^2(X)$. Such a g is called a representing function for x .

DEFINITION 2.2. We define the Cauchy transform of g to be

$$\hat{g}(y) = \int (z-y)^{-1} g dm$$

for each y such that $\int |z-y|^{-1} |g| dm < \infty$.

The following lemma was proved by Bishop for the sup norm case. The proof for our case is similar and is found in [6, p. 73].

LEMMA 2.1. Suppose that $g \in L^2(X)$ and that $\int fg dm = 0$ for all $f \in R^2(X)$. Suppose that $\hat{g}(y)$ is defined and $\neq 0$ and that $(z-y)^{-1} g \in L^2(X)$. Then $\hat{g}(y)^{-1} (z-y)^{-1} g$ is a representing function for y .

Let $c(y) = \int (z-x)(z-y)^{-1} g dm = 1 + (y-x)\hat{g}(y)$. From the above lemma there follows

COROLLARY 2.1. Let $g \in L^2(X)$ be a representing function for $x \in X$. Then $c(y)^{-1} (z-x)(z-y)^{-1} g$ is a representing function for y whenever $c(y)$ is defined and $\neq 0$, and $(z-y)^{-1} g \in L^2(X)$.

3. CAPACITY DEFINED USING A BESSEL KERNEL.

Denote the Bessel kernel of order 1 by G_1 where G_1 is defined in terms of its Fourier transform by

$$\hat{G}_1(z) = (1+|z|^2)^{-1/2}.$$

For $f \in L^2(C)$ we define the potential

$$U_1^f(z) = \int G_1(z-y)f(y)dm(y).$$

DEFINITION. L_1^2 denotes the space of functions U_1^f , $f \in L^2$, where the norm is defined by $\|U_1^f\| = \|f\|_2$.

DEFINITION. L_1^2 is the Sobolev space of functions in L^2 whose distribution derivatives of order 1 are functions in L^2 .

The Calderón-Zygmund theory shows that L_1^2 equals the space of functions L_1^2 and that the norms are equivalent [4].

We recall the definition of the capacity Γ_2 .

DEFINITION. Let $E \subset \mathbb{C}$ be an arbitrary set. Then $\Gamma_2(E) = \inf_{\omega} \int |\operatorname{grad} \omega|^2 dm$ where the infimum is taken over all $\omega \in L_1^2$ such that $\omega \geq 1$ on E . Hedberg has used this capacity to characterize BPE's for $R^2(X)$ [3]. The next theorem is proved in [6, p. 82].

THEOREM 3.1. Let $0 \in X$ be a BPE for $R^2(X)$ that is represented by a function $v \in L^2(X)$. Suppose that ϕ is an admissible function such that $\phi(|z|)^{-1}v \in L^2(X)$. Then $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 2^{2n} \phi(2^{-n})^{-2} \Gamma_2(A_n \setminus X) < \infty$.

REMARK. The theorem is, in fact, true if ϕ is any positive non-decreasing function defined on $(0, \infty)$.

Now we define the Bessel capacity which Fernström and Polking use to describe BPE's for $R^2(X)$.

DEFINITION. Let $E \subset \mathbb{C}$ be an arbitrary set. Then $C_{1,2}(E) = \inf \int |f|^2 dm$ where the infimum is taken over all $f \in L^2(\mathbb{C})$ such that $f(z) \geq 0$ and $U_1^f(z) \geq 1$ for all $z \in E$.

The equivalence of the norms on L^2_1 and L^2_1 implies that the capacities Γ_2 and $C_{1,2}$ are equivalent.

4. A FUNDAMENTAL SOLUTION FOR $\frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{z}}$

We will use $\beta = (\beta_1, \beta_2)$ to denote a double index that may be $(0,0)$, $(0,1)$, or $(1,0)$. We set $|\beta| = \beta_1 + \beta_2$. Letting $z = x + iy$, we denote the first order partial derivatives by

$$D^\beta = \frac{\beta_1}{\beta_1} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \frac{\beta_2}{\beta_2} \frac{\partial}{\partial y}.$$

The differential operator $\frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{z}} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \frac{1}{2} i \frac{\partial}{\partial y}$ has the function $H(w, z) = \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{1}{z-w}$ as a bi-regular fundamental solution. Hence $\frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{z}} H(z, w) = \delta_w$ and $\frac{\partial}{\partial w} H(z, w) = \delta_z$ where $\frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{w}}$ is the formal adjoint of $\frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{z}}$ and δ_z is the Dirac measure supported at z . We note that for $\beta = (0,0)$, $(0,1)$, $(1,0)$

$$|D^\beta H(0, z)| \leq \frac{1}{\pi} |z|^{-1-|\beta|}, \quad z \neq 0.$$

The next lemma links BPE's to the function $H(w, z)$. A proof which includes this as a special case is in [2, p. 3].

LEMMA 4.1. A point $z_0 \in X$ is a BPE for $R^2(X) \subset L^2(X)$ if and only if there is a function $f \in L^2_{1, \text{loc}}(\mathbb{C})$, such that $f(z) = \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{1}{z-z_0}$ for all $z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus X$.

The next lemma we need is proved by Fernström and Polking in [2, pp. 13-15]. It is interesting that this lemma holds for $\beta = (0,0)$ as well as $(0,1)$ and $(1,0)$. Before stating it we introduce more notation.

DEFINITION. For a compact set X , let

$$X_\epsilon = \{z \mid \text{Dist}(z, X) < \epsilon\}.$$

DEFINITION. We denote $A_k(0) = \{z \mid 2^{-k-1} \leq |z| \leq 2^{-k+1}\}$ by A_k .

DEFINITION. Let $A'_k = \{z \mid 2^{-k-2} \leq |z| \leq 2^{-k+1}\}$.

LEMMA 4.2. Let $X \subset \mathbb{C}$ be compact and suppose that

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} 2^{2k} C_{1,2}(A_k \setminus X) < \infty.$$

Then for each $\epsilon > 0$ and for each $k \geq 0$ there is a function $\psi_k \in C^\infty$

such that

(i) $\psi_k(z) \equiv 1$ for z near $A'_k \setminus X_\epsilon$, and
(ii) $\int_{|z| \leq 2^{-k+1}} |D^\beta \psi_k(z)|^2 dm(z) \leq F 2^{-2k(1-|\beta|)} C_{1,2}(A'_k \setminus X)$

for $\beta = (0,0), (0,1),$ and $(1,0)$. The constant F is independent of k .

5. THE MAIN RESULT.

It is no restriction to assume that the boundary point $x \in \partial X$ is the origin ($x = 0$). Also, we may assume that $x \in \{|z| < 2\}$. In taking 0 to be the vertex of a sector in $\text{Int } X$ we mean that there are numbers $\alpha, \beta, 0 \leq \alpha < \beta < 2\pi$, and a number $a, 0 < a < 2$, such that if (r, θ) are polar coordinates, and $S = \{(r, \theta) | \alpha \leq \theta \leq \beta, 0 \leq r \leq a\}$, then $\text{Int } S \subset \text{Int } X$. Let L be the mid-line $L = \{(r, \theta) | \theta = \frac{\beta-\alpha}{2}, 0 \leq r < a\}$. Since $y \in \text{Int } X$ is a BPE for $R^2(X)$, we may use $f(y)$ to represent the value of that linear functional at a given $f \in R^2(X)$. We want to study $f(y) - f(0)$ for $f \in R^2(X)$ as y approaches 0 along L .

First we will construct a function $g \in L^2(X)$ which represents 0 for $R^2(X)$ and which has support disjoint from a sector surrounding L . This second sector S' is a subset of S defined by

$$S' = \{(r, \theta) | \alpha + \frac{\beta-\alpha}{3} \leq \theta \leq \beta - \frac{\beta-\alpha}{3}, 0 \leq r < a\}.$$

LEMMA 5.1. Suppose that 0 is a BPE for $R^2(X)$ that is the vertex of a sector S in X . Then, there is a function $g \in L^2(X)$ such that:

(i) g represents 0 for $R^2(X)$,
(ii) $m((\text{supp } g) \cap S') = 0$,
(iii) For all $n \geq 0$,

$$\int_{A_n \cap X} |g|^2 dm \leq F \sum_{k=n-1}^{n+1} 2^{2k} C_{1,2}(A'_k \setminus X)$$

where F is a constant independent of n .

PROOF. Choose $\lambda \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^1)$ such that

$$\lambda(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } t \leq \frac{1}{4} \text{ or } t \geq 2 \\ 1 & \text{if } \frac{1}{2} \leq t \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

For each integer k set

$$\lambda_k(z) = \lambda(2^k |z|) / \sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} \lambda(2^j |z|) \text{ for } z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \text{Int } S.$$

For those values of z in $\text{Int } S$ define $\lambda_k(z)$ so that the following three conditions are satisfied:

$$(1) \quad \lambda_k(z) \in C^\infty$$

$$(2) \quad \lambda_k(z) = 0 \text{ for } z \in X \cap S', \text{ and}$$

$$(3) \quad \text{There are constants } F_1 \text{ and } F_2 \text{ such that for all } k$$

$$\left| \frac{\partial \lambda_k(z)}{\partial x} \right| \leq F_1 2^k \text{ and } \left| \frac{\partial \lambda_k(z)}{\partial y} \right| \leq F_2 2^k.$$

The constants F_1 and F_2 are independent of k .

Given $\epsilon > 0$ choose the functions ψ_k of Lemma 4.2. On the complement of X_ϵ we have $\psi_k \lambda_k \equiv \lambda_k$ since $\text{supp } \lambda_k \subset A'_k$. Thus, $\sum_0^\infty \psi_k \lambda_k \equiv 1$ on $\Delta(0, 1/4) \setminus X_\epsilon$. Choose $X \in C_0^\infty$ with $X(z) \equiv 1$ near X . Set $h(z) = X(z)H(0, z)$ where $H(0, z) = \frac{1}{\pi z}$.

For each double index $\beta = (0,0), (0,1), \text{ and } (1,0)$ there is a constant F_β such that

$$|D^\beta h(z)| \leq F_\beta |z|^{-1-|\beta|}.$$

These inequalities follow from those of Section 4 and the fact that X and its derivatives are bounded. Set $f_\epsilon = h \sum_0^\infty \psi_k \lambda_k = \sum_0^\infty \psi_k h_k$ where $h_k = \lambda_k h$. Since $\text{supp } \lambda_k \subset A'_k$, the above inequalities imply that

$$(*) \quad |D^\beta h_k(z)| \leq F_\beta 2^{k(1+|\beta|)}.$$

Henceforth, we will limit the number of symbols denoting constants by letting F denote any constant. The inequalities $(*)$ combined with Lemma 4.2 imply that

$$\begin{aligned} \|f_\varepsilon\|_{L_1^2}^2 &\leq F \sum_{|\beta+\lambda| \leq 1} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \int |D^\beta h_k(z) D^\lambda \psi_k(z)|^2 dm(z) \\ &\leq F \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{|\beta+\lambda| \leq 1} 2^{2k(1+|\beta|)} \int_{|z| \leq 2^{-k+1}} |D^\lambda \psi_k(z)|^2 dm(z) \\ &\leq F \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} 2^{2k} C_{1,2}(A'_k \setminus X). \end{aligned}$$

Finally, by the subadditivity of the capacity $C_{1,2}$, we have

$$\|f_\varepsilon\|_{L_1^2}^2 \leq F \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} 2^{2k} C_{1,2}(A_k \setminus X).$$

The net $\{f_\varepsilon\}$ is bounded in L_1^2 . We can choose a subsequence $\{f_{\varepsilon_j}\}$ that converges weakly in L_1^2 . Let $f(z) = \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} f_{\varepsilon_j}(z) + (1-\chi)H(0, z)$ for $z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus X$. Then $f \in L_{1,\text{loc}}^2$, and $f(z) = H(0, z)$ for $z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus X$. Note that since $f_{\varepsilon_j}(z) = 0$ for all $z \in X \cap S'$, $f(z) = 0$ for a.e. $z \in X \cap S'$. If necessary, we may redefine f on $X \cap S'$ so that $f(z) = 0$ for every $z \in X \cap S'$.

Set $g = \frac{t}{\partial \bar{z}} f$. Then $g \in L^2(X)$, and g is a representing function for 0 (see [2, p. 3]). If $z \notin X$, $g(z) = 0$. Clearly, $m((\text{supp } g) \cap S') = 0$.

We have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{A_n \cap X} |g|^2 dm &\leq F \sum_{|\beta| \leq 1} \int_{A_n \cap X} |D^\beta f|^2 dm \\ &\leq F \sum_{|\beta+\lambda| \leq 1} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \int_{A_n \cap X} |D^\beta h_k D^\lambda \psi_k|^2 dm. \end{aligned}$$

The integral $\int_{A_n \cap X} |D^\beta h_k \psi_k|^2 dm$ will be nonzero only for those k such that $A'_k \cap A_n \cap X \neq \emptyset$, i.e., $k = n-1, n, n+1$. Thus, by $(*)$ and Lemma 4.2,

$$A'_k \cap A_n \cap X \neq \emptyset, \text{ i.e., } k = n-1, n, n+1.$$

$$\int_{A_n \cap X} |g|^2 dm \leq F \sum_{|\beta+\lambda| \leq 1} \sum_{k=n-1}^{n+1} \int_{A_n \cap X} |D^\beta h_k D^\lambda \psi_k|^2 dm \\ \leq F \sum_{k=n-1}^{n+1} 2^{2k} C_{1,2}(A'_k \setminus X).$$

This completes the proof of (i), (ii), and (iii).

We will use the next lemma to obtain representing functions for points near 0 on the line segment L. Let 0, X, S, and g be as in the previous lemma, and let c(y) be as defined in Section 2.

LEMMA 5.2. Let 0 ∈ X be represented by a function v ∈ L²(X). Suppose that φ is an admissible function and that v(z)φ(|z|)⁻¹ ∈ L²(X). Then for any ε > 0 there exists a δ such that if |y| < δ and y ∈ L, then |c(y)| = |1 + yg(y)| > 1 - ε.

PROOF. Since the capacities Γ₂ and C_{1,2} are equivalent, Theorem 3.1 implies that

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 2^{2n} \phi(2^{-n})^{-2} C_{1,2}(A'_n \setminus X) < \infty.$$

To show that c(y) is defined, we first note that

$$|y| \int g \cdot (z-y)^{-1} dm \leq \phi(|y|) \psi(|y|) \int |g| \psi(|z-y|) \phi(|z-y|)^{-1} dm.$$

where ψ(r) = r · φ(r)⁻¹. By definition of S' there is a constant k₁ such that k₁|z-y| ≥ |z| for any y ∈ L and z ∈ X \ S' - {0}. Similarly, there is a constant k₂ such that k₂|z-y| ≥ |y| for any y ∈ L and z ∈ X \ S' - {0}.

Since φ and ψ are both increasing,

$$\phi(|z|) \phi(|z-y|)^{-1} \leq k_1 \text{ and } \psi(|y|) \psi(|z-y|)^{-1} \leq k_2.$$

Hence

$$|y| \left| \int g \cdot (z-y)^{-1} dm \right| \leq F \phi(|y|) \int |g| \cdot \phi^{-1} dm.$$

We claim that g · φ⁻¹ ∈ L²(X) and therefore g · φ⁻¹ ∈ L¹(X). First observe that

$$\int |g|^2 \cdot \phi^{-2} dm \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \phi(2^{-n})^{-2} \int_{A_n \cap X} |g|^2 dm.$$

By Lemma 5.1 and the subadditivity of $C_{1,2}$ we get

$$\int |g|^2 \phi^{-2} dm \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \phi(2^{-n})^{-2} 2^{2n} C_{1,2}(A_n \setminus X).$$

The capacity series converges. Thus, $\hat{g}(y)$ is defined. Since $\lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \phi(r) = 0$, we can choose for any given $\epsilon > 0$ a $\delta > 0$ such that

$$|y\hat{g}(y)| = |y| \left| \int g \cdot (z-y)^{-1} dm \right| \leq F\phi(|y|) \int |g| \cdot \phi^{-1} dm < \epsilon$$

for $|y| < \delta$ and $y \in L$. It follows that $|c(y)| = |1 + y\hat{g}(y)| > 1 - \epsilon$.

In the following theorem, X , 0 , and L are just as they have been.

THEOREM 5.1. Let $0 \in \partial X$ be a BPE for $R^2(X)$ which is represented by function $v \in L^2(X)$. Suppose that ϕ is an admissible function and that $v(z)\phi(|z|)^{-1} \in L^2(X)$. Then for any $\epsilon > 0$ there is a $\delta > 0$ such that if $y \in L \cap \Delta(0, \delta)$,

$$|f(y) - f(0)| \leq \epsilon \phi(|y|) \|f\|_2$$

for all $f \in R^2(X)$.

PROOF. Let $g \in L^2(X)$ be a representing function for 0 as in Lemma 5.1.

Choose δ_1 by Lemma 5.2 so that for $y \in L$ and $|y| < \delta_1$, $|c(y)| > 1/2$.

Then by Corollary 2.1,

$$\begin{aligned} f(y) - f(0) &= c(y)^{-1} \int [f - f(0)]z(z-y)^{-1} g dm \\ &= c(y)^{-1} \int [f - f(0)][1 + y(z-y)^{-1}] g dm \\ &= y c(y)^{-1} \int [f - f(0)](z-y)^{-1} g dm. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, for $y \in L$ and $|y| < \delta_1$

$$|f(y) - f(0)| \leq 2|y| \int |f - f(0)| |z-y|^{-1} |g| dm.$$

There exists a monotone, increasing function $\bar{\phi}$ such that $\lim_{r \rightarrow 0^+} \bar{\phi}(r) = 0$ and $\phi(|z|)^{-1} \bar{\phi}(|z|)^{-1} v(z) \in L^2(X)$ (see [6, p. 74]). Moreover, we may choose $\bar{\phi}$ so that the function $r\phi(r)^{-1} \bar{\phi}(r)^{-1}$ is also monotone increasing. Let $\Phi(r) = \phi(r) \cdot \bar{\phi}(r)$. Then recalling that $k_1 |z-y| \geq |z|$ and $k_2 |z-y| \geq |y|$ for $y \in L$ and $z \in X \setminus S' - \{0\}$, we have

$$|f(y) - f(0)| \leq F\phi(|y|) \|f\|_2 \left\{ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \phi(2^{-n})^{-2} \int_{A_n \cap X} |g|^2 dm \right\}^{1/2}.$$

If the sum of the infinite series is less than 1, the theorem is nearly proved. Suppose the sum is greater than or equal to 1. Then

$$\begin{aligned} |f(y) - f(0)| &\leq F(|y|) \|f\|_2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 2^{2n} \phi(2^{-n})^{-2} c_{1,2}(A_n \setminus X) \\ &\leq F\bar{\phi}(|y|) \phi(|y|) \|f\|_2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 2^{2n} \phi(2^{-n})^{-2} c_{1,2}(A_n \setminus X). \end{aligned}$$

Since the capacity series converges by Theorem 3.1, we may choose δ_2 such that for $|y| < \delta_2$ $F\bar{\phi}(|y|) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 2^{2n} \phi(2^{-n})^{-2} c_{1,2}(A_n \setminus X) < \epsilon$.

Then $|f(y) - f(0)| \leq \epsilon \phi(|y|) \|f\|_2$ for $|y| < \min(\delta_1, \delta_2)$ and $y \in L$.

This concludes the proof.

REMARKS. (i) If $0 \in \delta X$ is a BPE for $R^2(X)$, there always exists an admissible function ϕ as in the hypotheses of Theorem 5.1 (see [5, p. 74]).

(ii) The theorem may be extended by techniques of Wang [5] to include bounded point derivations of order s so that a statement similar to Theorem 1.1(ii) holds for $y \in L \cap \Delta(0, \delta)$.

(iii) For certain sets X a point $0 \in \delta X$ which is a BPE for $R^2(X)$ may not be the vertex of any sector having interior in $\text{Int } X$. Suppose, however, that 0 is a cusp for a curve whose interior is in $\text{Int } X$. Let L be a line segment which bisects the cusp at 0 and let C denote the interior of the cusp near 0 . Then if $y \in L \cap C$ and $z \in X \setminus C$, $|y-z|\tau(|y|) \geq |y|$ where τ is a monotone decreasing function such that $\lim_{r \rightarrow 0^+} \tau(r) = \infty$. Depending on how rapidly τ approaches ∞ at 0 (or how rapidly the cusp "narrows"), we can show that functions in $R^2(X)$ satisfy an inequality similar to that of Theorem 5.1.

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