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The following statements contain itself some results on prime end boundary extension of quasiconformal mappings.

**Theorem A.** *Under a quasiconformal mapping  $f$  of a collared domain  $D_0$  onto a domain  $D$ , there exists a one-to-one correspondence between the boundary points of  $D_0$  and the prime ends of  $D$ . Moreover, the cluster set  $C(f, b)$ ,  $b \in \partial D_0$ , coincides with the impression  $I(P)$  of the corresponding prime end  $P$  of  $D$  (see [1, Theorem 4.1]).*

Given  $f : D \rightarrow D'$ , we set  $C(f, x) := \{y \in \overline{\mathbb{R}^n} : \exists x_k \in D : x_k \rightarrow x, f(x_k) \rightarrow y, k \rightarrow \infty\}$  and  $C(f, \partial D) = \bigcup_{x \in \partial D} C(f, x)$ .

**Theorem B.** *Let  $f : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  be quasiregular mapping with  $C(f, \partial D) \subset \partial f(D)$ . If  $D$  is locally connected at a point  $b \in \partial D$  and  $D' = f(D)$  is qc accessible at some point  $y \in C(f, b)$ , then  $C(f, b) = \{y\}$  (see [2, Theorem 4.2]).*

The goal of this abstract is to consider mappings which are not closed. Let  $y_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $0 < r_1 < r_2 < \infty$  and  $A = A(y_0, r_1, r_2) = \{y \in \mathbb{R}^n : r_1 < |y - y_0| < r_2\}$ . Given sets  $E, F \subset \overline{\mathbb{R}^n}$  and a domain  $D \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  we denote by  $\Gamma(E, F, D)$  a family of all paths  $\gamma : [a, b] \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}^n}$  such that  $\gamma(a) \in E, \gamma(b) \in F$  and  $\gamma(t) \in D$  for  $t \in (a, b)$ . If  $f : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $y_0 \in f(D)$  and  $0 < r_1 < r_2 < d_0 = \sup_{y \in f(D)} |y - y_0|$ , then by  $\Gamma_f(y_0, r_1, r_2)$

we denote the family of all paths  $\gamma$  in  $D$  such that  $f(\gamma) \in \Gamma(S(y_0, r_1), S(y_0, r_2), A(y_0, r_1, r_2))$ . Let  $Q : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow [0, \infty]$  be a Lebesgue measurable function. We say that  $f$  satisfies Poletsky inverse inequality at the point  $y_0 \in f(D)$ , if the relation

$$M(\Gamma_f(y_0, r_1, r_2)) \leq \int_{A(y_0, r_1, r_2) \cap f(D)} Q(y) \cdot \eta^n(|y - y_0|) dm(y) \quad (1)$$

holds for any Lebesgue measurable function  $\eta : (r_1, r_2) \rightarrow [0, \infty]$  such that

$$\int_{r_1}^{r_2} \eta(r) dr \geq 1. \quad (2)$$

Recall that a mapping  $f : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  is called *discrete* if the pre-image  $\{f^{-1}(y)\}$  of each point  $y \in \mathbb{R}^n$  consists of isolated points, and *is open* if the image of any open set  $U \subset D$  is an open set in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Later, in the extended space  $\overline{\mathbb{R}^n} = \mathbb{R}^n \cup \{\infty\}$  we use the spherical (chordal) metric  $h$  (see [3, Definition 12.1]). Further, the closure  $\overline{A}$  and the boundary  $\partial A$  of the set  $A \subset \overline{\mathbb{R}^n}$  we understand relative to the chordal metric  $h$  in  $\overline{\mathbb{R}^n}$ .

The boundary of  $D$  is called *weakly flat* at the point  $x_0 \in \partial D$ , if for every  $P > 0$  and for any neighborhood  $U$  of the point  $x_0$  there is a neighborhood  $V \subset U$  of the same point such that  $M(\Gamma(E, F, D)) > P$  for any continua  $E, F \subset D$  such that  $E \cap \partial U \neq \emptyset \neq E \cap \partial V$  and  $F \cap \partial U \neq \emptyset \neq F \cap \partial V$ . The boundary of  $D$  is called *weakly flat* if the corresponding property holds at any point of the boundary  $D$ . Consider the following definition, see e.g. [1]. The boundary of a domain  $D$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is said to be *locally quasiconformal* if every  $x_0 \in \partial D$  has a neighborhood  $U$  that admits a quasiconformal mapping  $\varphi$  onto the unit ball  $\mathbb{B}^n \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  such that  $\varphi(\partial D \cap U)$  is the intersection of  $\mathbb{B}^n$  and a coordinate hyperplane. The sequence of cuts  $\sigma_m$ ,  $m = 1, 2, \dots$ , is called *regular*, if  $\overline{\sigma_m} \cap \overline{\sigma_{m+1}} = \emptyset$  for  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  and, in addition,  $d(\sigma_m) \rightarrow 0$  as  $m \rightarrow \infty$ . If the end  $K$  contains at least one regular chain, then  $K$  will be called *regular*. We say that a bounded domain  $D$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is *regular*, if  $D$  can be quasiconformally mapped to a domain with a locally quasiconformal boundary whose closure is a compact in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , and, besides that, every prime end in  $D$  is regular. Note that space  $\overline{D}_P = D \cup E_D$  is metric, which can be demonstrated as follows. If  $g : D_0 \rightarrow D$  is a quasiconformal mapping of a domain  $D_0$  with a locally quasiconformal boundary onto some domain  $D$ , then for  $x, y \in \overline{D}_P$  we put:

$$\rho(x, y) := |g^{-1}(x) - g^{-1}(y)|, \quad (3)$$

where the element  $g^{-1}(x)$ ,  $x \in E_D$ , is to be understood as some (single) boundary point of the domain  $D_0$ . The specified boundary point is unique, see e.g. [1, Theorem 4.1]. It is easy to verify that  $\rho$  in (3) is a metric on  $\overline{D}_P$ .

Let  $E \subset \overline{D}$ . We say that  $D$  is *finitely connected at the point*  $z_0 \in E$ , if for each neighborhood  $\tilde{U}$  of  $z_0$  there is a neighborhood  $\tilde{V} \subset \tilde{U}$  of  $z_0$  such that  $(D \cap \tilde{V}) \setminus E$  consists of finite number of components. We say that  $D$  is *finitely connected on*  $E$ , if  $D$  is finitely connected at every point  $z_0 \in E$ . The following theorem is true.

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $D$  and  $D'$  be domains in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $n \geq 2$ , and let  $D$  be a domain with a weakly flat boundary. Suppose that  $f$  is open discrete mapping of  $D$  onto  $D'$  satisfying the relation (1) at each point  $y_0 \in \overline{D}'$ . In addition, assume that the following conditions are fulfilled:*

1) *for each point  $y_0 \in \partial D'$  there is  $0 < r_0 := \sup_{y \in D'} |y - y_0|$  such that for any  $0 < r_1 < r_2 < r_0 := \sup_{y \in D'} |y - y_0|$  there exists a set  $E \subset [r_1, r_2]$  of positive linear Lebesgue measure such that  $Q$  is integrable on  $S(y_0, r)$  for  $r \in E$ ;*

2)  *$D'$  is a regular domain and, in addition,  $D'$  is finitely connected on  $C(f, \partial D) \cap D'$ , i.e., for each point  $z_0 \in C(f, \partial D) \cap D'$  and for any neighborhood  $U$  of this point there exists a neighborhood  $V \subset U$  of this point such that the set  $V \setminus C(f, \partial D)$  consists of a finite number of components;*

3) *the set  $f^{-1}(C(f, \partial D) \cap D')$  is nowhere dense in  $D$ ;*

4) *the set  $D'$  is finitely connected in  $E_{D'} := \overline{D}'_P \setminus D'$ , i.e., for any  $P_0 \in E_{D'}$  and any neighborhood  $U$  of  $P_0$  in  $\overline{D}'_P$  there is a neighborhood  $V \subset U$  such that  $V \setminus C(f, \partial D)$  consists of finite number of components.*

*Then the mapping  $f$  has a continuous extension  $\bar{f} : \overline{D} \rightarrow \overline{D}'_P$  by the metric  $\rho$  defined in (3). Moreover,  $\bar{f}(\overline{D}) = \overline{D}'_P$ .*

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