

QUASICONFORMAL MAPS AND POINCARÉ DOMAINS

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ABSTRACT. In this paper we examine the invariance of Poincaré domains under quasi-conformal maps which satisfy a global integrability condition on the Jacobian. We show directly that, under such a map, the image of a John domain or a domain satisfying a quasi-hyperbolic boundary condition is p -Poincaré for $p \geq p_0$, here p_0 depends on the quasi-conformal map. Corresponding results are provided by (q, p) -Poincaré domains. We also provide sufficient conditions for which “rooms and corridors” domains are mapped to Poincaré domains.

1. Introduction. In this paper we examine the invariance of Poincaré domains under quasi-conformal maps which satisfy a global integrability condition on the Jacobian. Sufficient geometric conditions for Poincaré domains abound. Here we consider certain classes of Poincaré domains which include John domains, domains satisfying a quasi-hyperbolic boundary condition, and “rooms and corridors domains.”

Hurri [13] has shown that Poincaré domains are invariant under locally bi-Lipschitz maps. However, one can see from the Riemann mapping theorem alone that quasi-conformal maps need not preserve Poincaré domains. In fact, a simply connected domain formed by adjoining a sequence of “rooms and corridors” domains [13, Example 5.2] to the unit ball can be constructed so that it is not Poincaré for any exponent p . To ensure that the image domain is Poincaré, we utilize an integrability condition introduced by Astala and Koskela [1]. Namely, letting D and D^* be domains in \mathbf{R}^n and $f : D \rightarrow D^*$ a quasi-conformal

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